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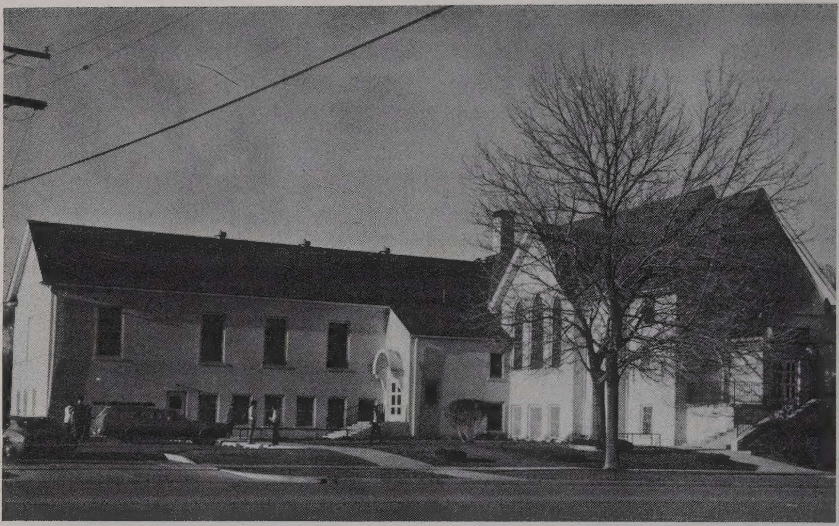

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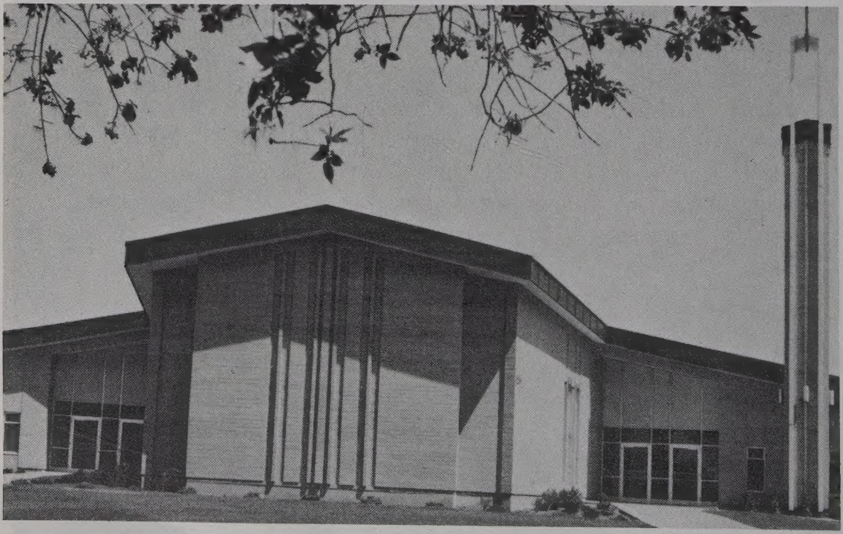

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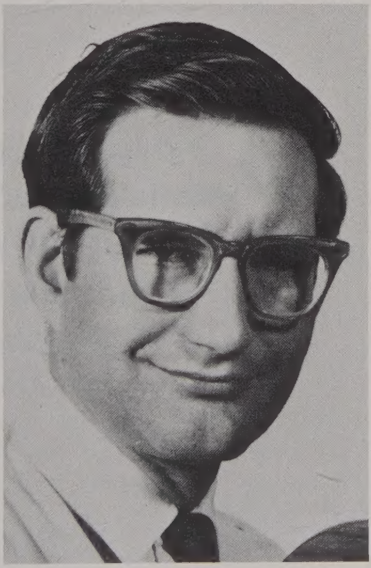

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CHANGES

The Church of Jesus Christ of latter days
Is guardian mother
For five thousand wards and more.
The Twenty-ninth, as name implies,
Had roots in earlier times
Within the shadows
Of the Temple of the Lord,

Newly formed in nineteen hundred two
As part of Salt Lake Stake.
Infant only in the newness of its creation
Emerging fully grown, full fledged, complete,
To carry forth its role,
Independent,
Yet in purpose intertwined.

Remembered still are changes wrought.
Its boundaries once far-flung are shrunk,
Though not reduced in rank and file.
As from its mother sprung full grown,
A dozen counterparts emerged
In following years
To fill its former bounds.

Beloved Meetinghouse of old
Built with toil and sacrifice --
A House of God.
Sacred memories filled its halls --
Celestial worship,
Music, drama, joy and laughter,
Tears.

In time, no longer adequate
For growing throng,
Replaced by roomier structure.
Gone the valiant saints who saw the birth.
Stilled are their voices.
But strong and stalwart, dedicated,
Others take the helm and chart the course.

Blessed they who lead and teach
And mark the way.
Blessed they who follow
To bequeath anew the lessons gained.
No mortal's book can compass all the lives,
Yet all are noted who ever walk the halls
And will be reckoned in the books of God.

... Kathryn Westmoreland

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PREFACE

History is fascinating. It is filled with love, joy, and happiness; sorrow and hardship; good and evil; war and peace -- it is our book of life -- individually if written as such,and collectively if recorded on a general basis. Every phase of living is affected by it for it is happening every minute of every day -- it is a part of each of us.

At times, we may think that what is occurring thousands of miles away has no bearing on our *"LITTLE WORLD"* we live in, but its effect combines with our surroundings and molds and entertwines together.

Through the centuries, man has devoted time in various ways to make a record of events as they have occurred about individuals and their achievements or failures, the growth and expansion of the nations, scientific data which has gradually led to our modern-day way of living, and almost an endless train of thought that keeps us abreast of the day in which each generation has lived. Can you imagine what life would be like without the written word, with no communication system to apprise us of world happenings? Our progress would be almost nil, and we would have very little from which we could learn except from the experiences and memories we or others had on the past and present.

History becomes alive when we read of what is or has taken place, and even more impressive when we have had the experience or witnessed the events that have happened, or seen that which we have read about. Then how much more they mean when we record ourselves that which we know to be a fact.

So important is record keeping that the Lord has instructed His people to write a history of the day in which they live. Without it, we would have no scriptures whereby we can know of the pre-existence, the purpose of this life, and our life hereafter. We are taught in the ways of the Lord, of His commandments, the requirements for eternal life, the blessings He has promised us through our obedience to them, that He is a personal being, and about the Godhead -- in other words, all light and truth. We read of the history of the people through the ages of time, helping us to benefit from their experiences.

As the Gospel has been restored in its fulness in these latter-days, the Lord has appointed Church historians to continue on in this great work. He has called clerks and secretaries to keep proper records of everything of importance. Bringing it down to an individual level, our prophet has counseled us and directed us to keep a personal journal, to write family histories, and a genealogical family record. There is probably no phase in the Gospel that does not require a proper record to be kept in the Church and in the home.

Thus, our former bishopric, Bishop Lucian T. Farr and his counselors, had the foresight and desire to have another volume of the 29th Ward history compiled and published as a companion to the first volume, *"THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS."* Therefore, they called a committee to fulfill this assignment. This present volume includes information from January 1, 1963 to November 1, 1978. We felt, however, that inasmuch as our present bishopric, Bishop Richard A. Clifford and his counselors, were sustained November 26, 1978, that to make the history in this volume more complete, and because they will direct the publication of this book, this change of bishopric should be included.

We have tried to give an overall picture of the 29th Ward history; the significant changes in the present Church programs which correlates with ours; and some of the highlights of the world history,thus giving us an overview of this period of time. We also find that only certain data is required for the clerks and secretaries to record, and they are to be commended for their accurate record keeping; so even though a thorough search has been made in the Historian's Office of our records, the information needed has not always been available. Our excellent ward newspapers have also been read, and we have sought from ward members the history which they could remember. There are many items that we would like to include, but limited space and time makes it impossible. Any mistakes that have been made, or names of individuals that have been omitted, or information that could not be found, have been of the head and not the heart. We want you to know that you are appreciated -- you are an important part of the ward, that without you, our history would not be complete, because each and every member has made a great contribution. The Lord loves you and is grateful to you for what you have done as does each 29th Warder.

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To every individual who has helped in any way toward the compiling and publication of this book,thanks and appreciation is sincerely given. We are grateful to our former bishopric for the inspiration they had regarding this book and for their faithful leadership and encouragement as we proceeded and struggled to prepare this volume of history.

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We appreciate our present bishopric who have fully cooperated and assisted in every way possible in seeing that the book was completed and published.

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The committee who were called by the bishopric are to be commended for their efforts and service, particularly FRED J. B. SMITH who has gone the *"extra mile"* with his photography abilities to be sure our book contained every picture that was possible to obtain pertaining to this period of history.

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We extend a very special thanks to LEONE JOHNSON who volunteered to do the final typing of this book, thus saving us a considerable sum of money, and also giving it a very professional appearance.

To the sales committee, under the direction of the bishop, we are truly grateful for their efforts.

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May the Lord give to each one of these persons His choicest blessings for their faithful service in this worthwhile project.

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May this volume of history published as a *"SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECT"* stand as a monument to the 29th Ward, Salt Lake Riverside Stake, whose members have made it one of the choice wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

MARY E. BARRACLOUGH
Editor, Researcher and Compiler

1963

In the January, 1963 issue of the monthly ward publication, "Ward Wide News", the bishopric who were serving at that time, Bishop Thomas M. Thomson, Jr., Dwain R. Morrill, and F. Earl Matheson, wrote the editorial which referred to the starting of a new year.

Quoting from some paragraphs, we read:

> "As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we should have goals which we set for ourselves to help us measure the progress we should be making in our climb to the Celestial Kingdom.
>
> As your bishopric, we wish to suggest a New Year's resolution to you -- not to be kept for only this year, but always. It comes from the Doctrine and Covenants 38:27: '... I say unto you, be one; and if ye are not one ye are not mine.'
>
> Let us here in this part of the Lord's vineyard grasp the true spirit of our Father in Heaven and love one another, give a helping hand to someone in need of our help. Let us be genuinely interested in each other and each other's welfare..."

As we start this new volume of the 29th Ward history which is a continuation of a very excellent previous publication of the ward's history since its beginning in 1902 to and including 1962, "our" ward truly continues to exemplify the thought contained in this editorial written sixteen years ago for we feel there is a genuine interest shown for each other's welfare. As you read the pages of this book, in your mind's eye, intersperse between the lines the many spiritual and temporal experiences that have been a part of so many individuals' lives which experiences are too numerous to mention, and some too sacred to make public. Sixteen years may not seem too long a period of time, but you will find that history is being written every minute of every day and seems to accelerate daily. This particular span of years covers many changes that have been made in the Church under the direction of our Father in Heaven through His Prophets and other leaders for the progression of His Kingdom here upon this earth; the earth we call our home for a relatively short time in the eternal journey of life.

Our ward was organized in 1902, at which time there were 50 stakes, 21 missions, and a total membership of 289,009 (Church Almanac 1979). As the year 1963 began, there were 389 stakes in the Church, 3,615 wards and independent branches, 77 missions, and a total membership of 2,117,451 (Church Almanac 1979). There has been a great growth in the Church since the beginning of our 29th Ward.

Mormons are known for their excellent entertainment and for having good, clean fun and sociability, and the year 1963 was no exception.It was filled with many ward and stake activities. Parties were held; dinners were served in some of the homes as a fund-raising project. There was an enjoyable ward outing at Saratoga, and an officers and teachers party at Riverside Park. A ward banquet and "white elephant" auction was a real treat. The fathers and sons of the stake experienced the opportunity of enjoying the great outdoors at Tanners Flat in Little Cottonwood Canyon. An unusual treat was the "Luau" Polynesian dinner and entertainment, which was another fund-raising event. These were just a few of the activities participted in by ward members.

During the summer, four of our Little League ballplayers had the honor of making the all-star team and were in the WBBA District Tournament games. Those chosen were Kirk Barton, Roger Brown, Neil Youngberg, and Mike McBride.

Our Church has always fostered good "sports" (and that can be taken both ways). The All-Church Softball Tournament was in full swing in August, and the San Diego 10th Ward softball team was one of the participants. Richard and Ethel Syversen sponsored and made arrangements for sixteen boys and their coaches from this ward to stay in various homes in our community, and those who provided this unselfish service for them were the Ronald Coleman's, Harvey Dyer's, Woody Nelson's, Dick Syversen's, and Drusilla Newman. They received such good treatment they did not want to leave.

It was also in 1963 that a beautiful inspiring film on the law of tithing was produced by the Church through the BYU facilities entitled, *"Windows of Heaven."* President Lorenzo Snow, the 5th president of the Church, emphasized the importance of tithing, and this film related a sacred experience in his life when he went to Southern Utah. It was shown to the general Church membership, and our ward was privileged to see it on August 30th. It left a lasting impression of the blessings received through our paying an honest tithe.

As the Church grows in membership and area, it becomes necessary to make changes in the boundaries of wards, stakes, and missions. It is a great joy to see theGospel being accepted by so many, knowing the happiness it will bring to them, but, of course, with that growth, it is always sad for those who are separated by changes made in the Church unit in which they reside. Old friendships are never forgotten, but the association is less frequent, and new friendships are made and enjoyed. Such was the case when the 29th Ward on September 22, 1963 had the western boundaries changed from the east side of 13th West (now 1400 West) to the west side of 12th West (now 1300 West), and those members living in that area became members of the Rosedale Ward. Before the change was made, 29th Ward had a population of 1082, and after the change, there were 774 members. This, then, made it necessary to release all who filled positions in the ward who were now members of the Rosedale Ward.

Bishop Thomas M. Thomson,Jr., after four years of service in this capacity, Dwain R. Morrill as first counselor, and F. Earl Matheson as second counselor, were released, and a new bishopric sustained. This bishopric had served well and honorably and were very much appreciated for the great contribution they made during their tenure of office. Likewise, all others who were released had been faithful in the responsibilities that had been theirs.

Because of the change of boundaries and the releasing of Bishop Thomson and his workers,Doyle Daniel Richards was sustained as the new bishop on September 22,1963 with Floyd H. Gowans as first counselor and F. Earl Matheson as second counselor. Charles Pettersson was retained as the ward clerk.

On November 2nd in the stake center,a special program and social was held honoring the former bishopric and the bishopric of the Center Ward.

A new Home Teaching Program of the Church was inaugurated in 1964,but it had been presented in stake conferences during the last half of 1963.This was an excellent opportunity for the home teachers (formerly ward teachers) to be a help and a guide to the families to whom they were assigned,and to provide a way for every family in the Church to have this blessing.

Important changes were beginning to be made for the expansion of the Missionary Program in the Church. (See Missionary Section of this book)

The year 1963 had a tragic ending for our great nation,as on November 22nd President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas,Texas,(the 4th President to be assassinated).The world was stunned when the news was broadcast and one could hardly realize this had actually happened. Lyndon B. Johnson,who was serving as vice president, was sworn in within hours as the 36th President of the United States,and he had suddenly placed upon his shoulders, the great responsibility of being the leader of our sorrowing nation.

1964

Nineteen sixty-four was a special year for the 29th Ward. At the 62nd Ward Anniversary Program in Sacrament Meeting, there were 322 in attendance, and the theme of the program was, *"Our Heritage in Pleasant Thoughts."* It was there announced that the ward history book (THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS of the 29th Ward - 1902-1962) was completed and available for distribution.

On the 16th of March, a special banquet and program were held, and our special guests were President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve, and his wife, Jessie Evans Smith. President Smith was presented with a copy of the ward history book,which was a well written, fascinating history of a great ward from its beginning to and including 1962. The book was placed by President Smith, in the Church Historian's library. At that time, President Smith was also the Church Historian. The aforementioned banquet was held to honor forty-seven members who assisted in compiling the history. Sister Fawn P. Burt and Brother Herbert Gorzitze headed the committee in writing and compiling the book which consisted of 330 pages of historical data and photographs.The book was started prior to the ward's sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1962, under the direction of Bishop Thomas M. Thomson, and it was completed in February, 1963 at which time Doyle Richards was serving as bishop. After dinner a program was presented, consisting of remarks by Fawn P. Burt and Herbert Gorzitze,as well as appropriate musical and reading entertainment. President Smith gave a short talk, and Jessie Evans Smith sang two songs; all of which went to make an enjoyable and memorable evening.

The ward found 1964 to be a very busy year, filled with wonderful activities and accomplishments. Some of these can be read about in the auxiliary sections of this book.

There was sadness, too, at the loss of members who passed away and also moved from the ward. Some missionaries were responding to their calls, and one had been honorably released and returned home. A new bishopric was busy at work on their many responsibilities.

In April, the New York World's Fair opened. The Church had built a beautiful Mormon Pavilion where the Gospel was explained so effectively in simple terms to those who visited there. It was a credit to our Church and was beautifully landscaped, resembling on the outside, a replica of the Salt Lake Temple. Lasting spiritual impressions were made on many individuals; and as a result, the number of referrals from that fair were enough to create a new stake of wonderful people who had accepted the Gospel. The Pavilion was disassembled, and the materials were used by the local units in that area at the conclusion of the fair.

Subsequent expositions were held in San Antonio, Texas in 1968, Japan in 1970, and Spokane, Washington in 1974, and the Church again constructed elaborate pavilions where great missionary work was accomplished.

The Days of '47 is a very special time of the year for Latter-day Saints, for it was on July 24, 1847, that Brigham Young and his company entered the Salt Lake Valley; at the mouth of Emigration Canyon -- he arose in his wagon from his sick bed and declared:

"This is the right place."

The area has blossomed like a rose as it was prophesied, and it is expanding and growing at a rapid rate and is a beautiful part of this wonderful world we live in.

This year, 1964, was extra special for our ward, for we participated in the famous 24th of July parade. We had been assigned by the Presiding Bishopric to have a float constructed and entered with the subject being, "*A Bounteous Harvest*",and what an appropriate title for a valley that has been truly blessed. The committee selected to fulfill this assignment was Frankie Brown, Riddell Barton, LaVern Bridge, Glen Connary, Gary Reinhard, Vernell Harmon and Claudia Nesbitt. Bob Brown spent many hours helping too. Because of the efforts of these and many other devoted individuals, our ward felt proud as our float went by on the parade route that day. We were honored in having a cafe in Kamas ask to rent the float for their parade on the 25th of July, so the Bob Brown's took the float there, and the Lorenzo Baldee's also went in their car to follow the float home after dark.

During this same year, the world was on shakey ground and was not at peace. August 5th saw the first U. S. bombing of Vietnam as it had been reported that the North Vietnamese attacked a U.S. destroyer on August 2nd. The years to come were to be sad and difficult through the loss of many of our servicemen and the loss of the Vietnamese also.

Our nation was also trying to implement the Civil Rights Act, but sorrow often resulted from the many acts of violence and hardship.

The importance of the home was being re-emphasized by the Church this year. Our leaders have always encouraged parents to assume their responsibility of teaching the Gospel in the home; and as early as 1915, the First Presidency advised parents to have a "Home Evening". There the family would get together, and the parents would teach the children in the ways of the Lord. They were promised if they would do this, great blessings would be the result.

In the October, 1964 Semi-Annual General Conference of the Church in the Priesthood session, President Harold B. Lee made the announcement of a new program called, *"Teaching and Living the Gospel in the Home."* This would be inaugurated throughout the Church in 1965, and a family home evening should be held. Quoting from his talk, he said:

> "This next year will see some definite steps taken to strengthen the hands of the parents in carrying out these great God-like admonitions in placing stress

> upon the teachings of the Gospel in the home ... The time has now come when the General Authorities have decided to correlate and coordinate all these efforts under the direction of the priesthood."

Some excellent manuals are printed each year and are distributed throughout the Church for families to use as they unite together and seek to have love in their homes.

At the November election, Calvin L. Rampton was chosen as our Govenor in Utah, replacing Govenor George D. Clyde.

Another sacred temple of the Church, the Oakland Temple, was dedicated by President David O. McKay, November 17th-19th. When Elder George Albert Smith was an apostle, making a visit to the San Francisco Bay area in 1924, he prophesied that in the future on the East Bay hills would be a white temple and that it would be visible as a beacon to the ships as they came into the Bay through the Golden Gate harbor. This temple was the 15th temple to be built by the Church and was certainly in direct fulfillment of prophecy made many years before.

1965

January 18,1965 saw the inauguration of President Lyndon Baines Johnson as the President of the United States, with Hubert H.Humphrey, Jr. as Vice President. The Tabernacle Choir was honored by an invitation to sing on that occasion.

The world was certainly not at peace, and the war in Vietnam was being escalated, for on June 28th, the first U.S. ground combat troops were authorized by President Johnson to fight the Communist forces, who were trying to take over South Vietnam. These soon numbered 74,000 U.S. forces in that unhappy land.

Because of this war, to comply with the Selective Service Act in the United States in September each ward was given a quota of two missionaries per year. But the Church continued to grow, reaching a population of 2,395,932 with 412 stakes and 76 missions.

In March, the program of three generation Genealogical family group sheets was initiated, and everyone was encouraged to proceed with this research of their ancestors.

As all places of abode need constant, loving care and an occasional renovation program, our ward building was in need of repairs, so the priesthood on September 26th approved a proposal to raise and spend $800.00 as our share in a remodeling program. Some expert work was accomplished and the project was completed the next year. The Jr. Sunday School room was remodeled and also the bishops' offices; the elders made a new west entrance and a classroom in the old projection room.

In October, 1965 President David O. McKay announced that the First Presidency would be increased to five instead of three with the appointment of President Joseph Fielding Smith and Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson.

The first annual Yuletide Season lighting of Temple Square was held with President David O. McKay pulling the switch to turn on the 40,000 electric lights. These grounds are a display of some of the most beautiful of all Christmas decorations, giving one a spiritual feeling of this Holy season.

As we look back, the year had been one filled with choice spiritual experiences and some wonderful activities.

1966

The year opened with the Gospel being taught to thousands of souls. Twenty-three stakes had been organized during 1965. At the beginning of the year, there were 12,621 full-time missionaries serving in the world.

On May 1, 1966 South America received the blessings of having their first stake organized there in Sao Paulo, Brazil, an area that promised a tremendous growth in the years to come.

We were truly living in an age of time that years before had been but a fantasy of the mind. The world's scientists were endeavoring to study in much more depth the atmosphere around us --we were emerging into the "space age". Man wanted to know more about the galaxies that surround our earth, the nature of which surely could not be learned without the inspiration of the Lord. In May, the first U.S. moon landing was made by an unmanned spaceship, in an endeavor to give us further knowledge as to future adventures of going into space.

The 14th of May was special for the Aaronic Priesthood, as they had an outing at BYU. This gave them an opportunity to see the great university the Church has which is a beacon to all the world. During the war years, the school's enrollment had declined, but in 1945-46 there was a large increase in attendance in the fall term because of the young men returning from World War II. There was an enrollment of 1,811 students. However, the fall term enrollment in 1966-67 increased to 20,028 -- what a tremendous growth!

The Church storage vaults for records in Little Cottonwood Canyon were dedicated on June 22nd, having been completed in December of 1963.

July 1st marked an important date in the U.S. history for on that day, Medicare went into effect, giving medical insurance to those 65 years of age and older, in connection with their Social Security Program.

The year also brought some noteworthy accomplishments in the ward, and the Gospel principles were continually being taught to all who would listen and who wanted to learn. Efforts were constantly being made to reactivate those who had lost interest in the Church, so that they, too, might enjoy the happiness and fruits of the Gospel. There were some outstanding leaders and teachers as there have always been, and the youth were growing in the ways of the Lord.

The Days of '47 celebration is always a special time of the year, and our ward in 1966 sold snow cones from July 20th to the 25th, at a booth located at the downtown mall between 2nd and 3rd South and between Main and West Temple. This was fun for all who participated, and provided the thirsty people attending the holiday events, some tasty refreshments. We also enjoyed some fun summer outings and other socials during the year.

On Temple Square in August, the new North Visitors' Center was opened to tourists, and new Visitors' Centers were built at other locations throughout the Church.

Some changes had been made in the bishopric during the year, but Bishop Doyle Richards was still serving faithfully as our bishop. (See photos of bishoprics and clerks)

1967

Nineteen sixty-seven brought the sixty-fifth birthday of the ward, and a special Family Home Evening marked its celebration -- sixty-five wonderful years filled with joyous memories.

At the beginning of the year, we had five full-time missionaries in the field, and during 1967, two more were called. They were serving in widely separated areas of the world. Because of the limited number who could be called from each ward, there were only 13,147 full-time missionaries in the Church at the beginning of 1967.

The NASA Program (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) was born on October 1, 1958, but it was marred by its only major tragedy, which was sad indeed. On January 27, 1967, inside the Apollo spacecraft, a fire erupted during ground testing which resulted in the death of three astronauts -- Lt.Col. Virgil I. Grisson, USAF; Lt. Col. Edward H. White II, USAF; and Lt. Commander Roger B. Chafee, USN.

After serving nearly four years as bishop, and because he and his family were moving from our ward, Bishop Doyle D. Richards was released on July 30, 1967, together with his counselors who were serving with him at the time - 1st Counselor J. Reed Babcock and 2nd Counselor Ronald J. Long.

Bishop Richards and all of his fellow workers who had served with him in the bishopric through his tenure of office were loved and respected for the unselfish service they had given to so many, and the ward members were grateful to the bishop's lovely wife, Merline, and their family for their great contributions to the progress of this important work of the Lord.

Upon the release of Bishop Richards, Floyd H. Gowans was sustained as Bishop of the ward with 1st Counselor, Ronald J. Long and 2nd Counselor, Frederick J.B. Smith. These brethren and the clerks were welcomed in their new positions, and the Lord again blessed us with great leadership.

The stake membership was saddened on August

13th, when our Stake President,Robert L. Bridge passed away after a very serious illness. He was a member of our ward and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He had served faithfully and well in many positions in the Church, and for many years had been an outstanding leader of our stake.

On August 27th, the stake presidency was reorganized and Thomas L. Hall was selected to serve as president. He chose as his counselors, Floyd H. Gowans and Lowell L. Leishman, with Jay A. Schneider as clerk and Ronald J. Long as an alternate high councilor. Our ward felt honored at this recognition of our leaders, but those of you who were at that particular sacrament meeting following stake conference, will well recall the feeling of loss we felt in not having these good men as our ward leaders, after having served not quite a month. (Bishop Gowans probably served one of the shortest terms in the Church in this calling.)

This change necessitated another bishop being called, and on September 17th, Fred W. Nelson was sustained in this position, with 1st counselor Frederick J. B. Smith and Lucian T. Farr as 2nd counselor. These brethren and the clerks received a unanimous vote of support from the ward membership, and we felt sure they would be faithful leaders.

Church history showed that the last temple that had been dedicated was the Oakland Temple in 1964, and on August 25, 1967, President McKay announced that a site had been selected for a temple to be built in Ogden, Utah on 22nd Street between Grant Avenue and Washington Boulevard, and would be called the Ogden Temple Square.

On the same day, it was also announced by President McKay that a site had been chosen for a temple to be constructed in Provo, Utah which would be located near 2300 North and extend from about 800 to 1200 East. It would be situated high on the east bench of Provo, overlooking that beautiful city and the BYU campus. The number of temples was thus being increased, which would be a blessing to so many individuals, and was in fulfillment of prophecy.

The wards and stakes were receiving instructions from the General Church headquarters to have a comprehensive meeting house library which would contain materials needed as visual aids for the teaching of all classes. This was a tremendous work to be accomplished, but one which would be a permanent, valuable help in assisting the teachers and others as they taught the Gospel. Bishop Nelson and the bishop of Riverside Ward were most desirous and anxious to have a library that would be functional in providing all that was needed, so a special room in the building was converted for this purpose. This, of course, would necessitate the gathering of many aids such as pictures,books, magazines, special kits, projectors, etc. To start things going, Lucian Farr, 2nd counselor, and his family mounted hundreds of pictures in the basement of their home. Work continued and the library was gradually built up to a point where it has proved to be most fruitful. Thousands of hours of work have gone into this project, and faithful librarians have served during the years, giving whatever assistance is needed. How grateful each one of us should be for such an outstanding facility.

With the great growth of the Church, additional help was needed by the brethren on a General level. On September 29, 1967, the First Presidency announced that 69 men were called as Regional Representatives of the Twelve. Quoting from part of the letter they had written:

> "....each, as assigned, to be responsible in some aspect of the work to carry counsel to and to conduct instructional meetings in groups of stakes or regions as may be designated from time to time.
>
> These Regional Representatives of the Twelve will not be 'General Authorities' as such, but will serve somewhat as do

> stake presidents, giving full Church service time for greater or lesser periods of service as circumstances may suggest." (Conf. Report, Sept-Oct 1967-Pg.26)

In October Conference of 1967, these men were sustained. Through the years, additional representatives would be called as needed, and others would be released. The duties of these sixty-nine men would begin January 1, 1968.

1968

Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight was to be a year full of events, some very helpful to our progress and some very sad.

Salt Lake City was growing, as was the nation. The U. S.population had reached 200 million people.

Our country was still at war in Vietnam, and there was unrest in our nation with anti-war protest demonstrations. The North Koreans seized our USS Pueblo 83-man crew as spies on January 23rd in the Sea of Japan, and did not release them until December 22nd. This was a great concern to us.

President Lyndon B. Johnson announced on March 21st he would not run for another term as President of the United States but wanted to devote himself to try and end the Vietnam War.

Each year saw the continual growth of the Church, and the Gospel was being spread to many individuals in the world. Two additional missionaries from our ward had been called during 1967 and 1968 brought two more into missionary service.

At the April 6th General Conference of the Church, Elder Alvin R.Dyer was sustained as a counselor in the First Presidency to President David O. McKay.

April 26th was a special day. In conjunction with our ward conference, a dinner was held in the cultural hall for all officers and teachers of the ward. This was sponsored by the stake to show appreciation for the work of these ward leaders. This was followed by a very special Ward Conference, on the Sabbath following.

The Church encourages its members to become involved in good community activities and to study candidates running for office and to do our duty by voting. They do not advise us as to whom to vote for but do advise us to select good people to hold office, leaving that decision to us. When it comes to moral issues, however, they do not hesitate to let us know the will of the Lord, for which we are grateful. In May because of the drive being made in Utah for liquor by the drink, the Church officially opposed this issue, and we were happy it was defeated in the election.

It seemed, in spite of all the good things happening in the country, there was much sadness this year with two assassinations, something that was a great shock to a free country. First, Reverend King, Jr.,; then on June 5th, Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles was assassinated just after he had announced his victory in the California Presidential Primary. He passed away on June 6th.

The work of the Lord continued on, and the Church remained a great part of our lives, furnishing our spiritual needs as well as our social activities. "Fathers' and sons'" outings were a joy, and Granite Flats was the site selected this time. Other choice activities and outings were participated in during the year.

Our ward had a number of young men who were serving their country in the armed forces, and their names are listed elsewhere in this book. On May 12th Vietnam War peace talks began in Paris. President Johnson on November 1st halted the U. S. bombing in North Vietnam.

Because of the number of individuals needed to staff the necessary officers and teachers in a ward, frequently changes are made, so each month usually brought releases and sustainings. Individuals were given new experiences to help them in their spiritual growth, and of course, we were always sorry to lose a good worker because they were moving from the ward or had passed away. Some had become physically unable to hold a ward position, but even then, we always found their sweet spirit contributed much to the spirituality of the ward, and they were great examples to others.

The Seminary System of the Church was growing and was now operating in all fifty states in the United States.

Another election for the President of the United States was due in November, and vigorous campaigning had taken place for some time prior to November 5th. Republican Richard Milhous Nixon defeated Democrat Hubert H. Humphrey and Spiro T. Agnew was to be Vice-President.

Governor Calvin L. Rampton was re-elected as the Governor of Utah.

The Space Program was still going forth with new achievements being accomplished.

1969

"Time flies on wings of lightening." What a true statement as the years seem to go by sometimes all too fast. In 1969, it hardly seemed possible that it was four years since a United States President had been inaugurated, but on January 20th, Richard M. Nixon was sworn in as our 37th President, defeating the Democratic candidate, Hubert H. Humphrey by less than 1% of the vote which was one of the closest elections in U.S. history. Vice President Agnew was also sworn in on that date. Our Tabernacle Choir sang at this event, which was the second time in succession that the Choir had been asked to participate in a Presidential inauguration.

A good hobby is something in which we should all be interested. All persons in the ward, including children, were encouraged to display their hobbies at a ward hobby show on May 19th. Food is usually a special part of any activity, so the Explorers sponsored a dinner held in connection with this special evening. It was a "dime-a-dip" and there was a good variety of delicious food. This dinner helped to raise funds for the Youth Conference in June.

On August 3rd to 8th, a very important and significant event was held in Salt Lake City -- a World Conference on Records. Our Church has placed great emphasis on this work.

In March, our U.S. troops reached their peak level in Vietnam - 541,500. When President Nixon announced on June 9th, plans to reduce these troops, it was indeed welcome news.

Many fetes were accomplished in the U.S. Space Program. Perhaps one of the greatest was a day we had never really expected to see in our lifetime and that was to watch, through the media on TV, two men walk on the Moon. On July 16th, Apollo II was launched, and four days later on the 20th, Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, first, and then Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. achieved that miracle, and it was, of course, necessary for Michael Collins to stay in Moon orbit in the mother ship.

On November 14th, Apollo 12 was launched, and again men were successful in repeating this Moon exploration,spending 32 hours on the Moon at which time they collected surface material.

Yes, these were "*miracles*" to us, but the Lord has promised that His knowledge would be poured out upon the earth in the last days,that He would help man to gain special education in technological advancements, which if properly used would be for our good.Things would happen that had never been known to occur before. He is all-wise, having created all; and through the diligent efforts of man,He will help us to likewise learn that which we must know in order to appreciate that which He has given us,for He has said that through our worthiness,"*All that He has*" will be ours.

A reflection - - as we reached the end of 1969:

> *As you fly in an aircraft and observe just a minute portion of the atmosphere that surrounds us and as you look down upon our wonderful earth, doesn't it just make you thrill to see the creations of our Father in Heaven and to know that this is but a fraction of His wonders - - especially at night as you gaze into the Heavens and see all around a myriad of stars and planets which creation He has explained in the Pearl of Great Price in the Book of Abraham. We can't begin to know all that He has done, but He is pouring out His Spirit so freely in these last days; and so much has opened unto us that we may use for good those "miracles", as we call them, with computerization, advanced medical technology, communication systems that we once never even dreamed of, and in all fields, one can see the hand of the Lord.*
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> *WHAT A CHOICE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH WE LIVE!*

1970

January 18th brought sad news to the world --our beloved Prophet and President David Oman McKay had passed away at 96 years of age. For sixty-four years, he had served as a General Authority of the Church, having been ordained an Apostle April 8, 1906 and was sustained as Prophet, Seer, and Revelator and President of the Church on April 9, 1951 at 77 years old. He had previously served as second counselor to President Heber J. Grant and President George Albert Smith along with many other positions in his lifetime. He had had as his counselors Stephen L Richards, J. Reuben Clark, Jr., Henry D. Moyle, Hugh B. Brown, Nathan Eldon Tanner, Joseph Fielding Smith, Thorpe B. Isaacson, and Alvin R. Dyer.

President McKay had been the only president many individuals had known in their lifetime and was loved and respected. During his tenure in office, the membership of the Church had nearly tripled to close to three million. This growth had increased the number of stakes from 180 to 500, and missionaries had increased from 2,000 to more than 12,000. While he was president, the Correlation Program had been organized which would increase the effectiveness of Church teaching programs and auxiliaries, and the Family Home Evening Program had received added emphasis.

This great man who came so near to perfection in this life and whose beautiful white hair and countenance gave him the appearance of an angel was best described by President Tanner in his remarks at President McKay's funeral:

> "As one of the greatest prophets and leaders of this dispensation, his counsel has been sought and his influence felt by leaders in all walks of life, including Presidents of the United States. He was loved and respected and revered by millions who now mourn his passing.
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> During his life, he was a true exemplar of the life of Christ..."

As President McKay had said in his address to the priesthood of the Church, which because of his health and being unable to attend was read by his son, Robert, in the October session before he passed away:

> "Spirituality is the consciousness of victory over self. It is the realization of communion with Diety. No higher attainment can be reached than that..."

Upon the death of President McKay, a new Prophet and President was sustained, Joseph Fielding Smith, on January 23, 1970, at the age of 93, with counselors Harold B. Lee and Nathan Eldon Tanner.

Likewise, he had given many, many years of faithful service to the Church, having been called as an apostle April 7, 1910 at the age of thirty-three. He was sustained October 29, 1965 as a counselor in the First Presidency to President McKay. He was truly prepared to be our Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, the 10th President of the Church,and was a renowned scholar of the scriptures, and the Lord was blessing us with another great Prophet.

One of the choice young ladies of our ward had the privilege of being a part of the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

On May 1, 1970 Claudia Nesbitt received her call from Dr. Harold I. Hansen to participate in this pageant. Based on her application and the recommendation of her bishop, she was one of those chosen from the many applications to have the blessings of this wonderful adventure.

Accordingly, she, with 205 other young girls, now transformed in a few minutes into Sisters,left Salt Lake City in five busses headed for Palmyra and a great missionary experience. This was July 16,1970 and for the next three weeks they would live under strict missionary rules; and for the ten days of traveling they would sing hymns,study scriptures, hold all auxiliary meetings, and in every way try to become transformed into Sister missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ. A good share of the five days going would be spent in examining their own selves to see if they had a sufficient testimony for this great spiritual experience.

They would sleep on the hard floors of LDS Chapels along the way with only one blanket and a pillow. They would experience the hardships of rain and humidity and mosquitoes and arising at 4:30 AM, and upon arriving home would shed a lot of tears of regret that it was over so soon and affirm that it was the greatest experience of their lives.

1970 was the thirty-fourth consecutive year that Dr. Hansen of the BYU had gone to Palmyra to direct the pageant which was his brain child. He would take the 200 girls from the west and about 100 volunteer girls from the east, along with about 200 Elders and Sisters serving full-time missions in the area, and mold them into a smooth-running organization to present the beautiful Hill Cumorah Pageant but also to proselyte the over 100,000 visitors to the Hill that year, in five short days.

Claudia and the other some 200 Sisters from the west spent their days from 5:30 AM in studying their scriptures, meeting with full-time missionaries to study the discussions, testimony meetings in the Sacred Grove, and rehearsals for the pageant. A plus this year was that the whole group sang for the dedication of the Peter Whitmer Home on Sunday, July 26th.

Finally on July 27th, the big night came. All of those Sisters plus full-time missionaries went out into the parking and seating area as the audience began to arrive with their happiness approach to try to place Book of Mormons and fill out referral cards and in,general, make friends for the Church. Six nights this schedule was followed with the result that 3,500 books were sold, and thousands of referrals received which were turned over to the missionaries all over the United States and probably some outside the U.S. boundaries.

In Sister Nesbitt's words:

> "Back in Salt Lake, in only three short weeks we all felt that we were leaving our very best friends and in a real sense our sisters. Though it is the end of this journey, it is the beginning of a new life in so many ways. I rejoice in having had the experience."

The world was still in turmoil -- war in Vietnam,and on May 30th,U.S.troops and South Vietnamese troops went into Cambodia with 20,000 troops to destroy communist bases.

However, the Church continued to grow.There was now a membership of 2,930,810 with 537 stakes and 92 missions. Our area was likewise growing as new homes were being constructed all around us. Salt Lake City seemed to be spreading out in every direction. The fall enrollment at BYU was 25,021, and the Church had 14,387 missionaries serving throughout the world. Our ward had four full-time missionaries who served during 1970.

Fathers and sons outings are traditional, and such an event is looked forward to, with one being held this year at Deer Creek Camp Grounds in August.

In the fall, the automated membership record procedure was started.This meant these records were being placed on the computer system.

As had been previously mentioned,the Church had placed additional emphasis on Family Home Evenings, and because of the many activities, meetings, and other Church commitments, in October 1970, it was designated that Monday would be home evening, and that no other Church activity was to be held on that night. This,then,left a time open for all to be able to have their families together.

In 1970, word was received that the Improvement Era, The Children's Friend, and the Relief Society Magazine would be discontinued and that in their stead would be the new publications,the Ensign for adults, the New Era for youth, and the Friend for children. The Improvement Era had been published since its first edition November, 1897 as the official organ of the Young Men's Mutual

Improvement Associaton. Later, other Church organizations joined in sponsoring it. The Children's Friend was first published in January 1902 for the Primary Association teachers, and later it was changed to include children, and then the teachers departments were eliminated from this magazine.The Relief Society Magazine was published monthly beginning January 1914 and contained material for use in this auxiliary organization. It also had choice stories, poetry, articles, homemaking helps, and news. January 1971 was the first publication of the new magazines which are currently being published as the official organs of the Church and should be in all homes of the members.

Many changes were being made in the various auxiliary organizations of the Church, and these can be read about in the section of this book under which they are affected.

October 15th was an exciting day for the ward as we had a combined banquet, hobby show and bazaar This required many hours of service prior to the event as well as during the time, but as usual, it provided a great evening for all the ward members to be together for a choice evening of sociability and enjoyment.

Because of the growth of the area and the interest Latter-day Saints have in their community, it was realized that additional facilities were needed for many purposes. We are grateful to Fanny Steenblik Kientz who responded to the call from Glen Burt and had Jane Erickson give a brief history of the Northwest Multi-Purpose Center, and we appreciate her cooperation in furnishing us with information. We are quoting most of what she wrote for us:

> "The need for a multi-purpose center in northwest Salt Lake City became apparent to local community groups, particularly the Northwest Community Council, in the mid-1960's. The community is a diverse mixture of racial, socioeconomic, and religious groups, yet the neighborhood was lacking in recreational and social service facilities. The multi-purpose center was conceived

as a way of bringing many needed services directly into the community, close to the people who need them the most.

Community residents formed committees to begin studying and planning for the center, and in 1967 Salt Lake City applied for and received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to construct the center.

Input from area residents was solicited to make sure the center's facilities were planned to meet the actual needs; for example, a senior citizen committee helped the architect design the section of the building to be used by seniors, and a committee of parents helped design the day care center.

The site which was finally selected, at 1300 West 300 North, had one big drawback - the Jordan River would separate the center from the neighborhood it was designed to serve. However, Mother Nature was no match for the determined planners. Workmen simply dug a new channel and re-routed the Jordan River to the west side of the center.

The center officially opened on December 5,1970 under the administration of Salt Lake County Department of Social Services. Anthony Mitchell, now Director of the Utah State Department of Social Services, was the first center director. The current director, Mike Peterson, has been on the building staff since 1971.

Center facilities include a day care center serving 50 pre-schoolers, a well-equipped low-cost medical clinic, a gymnasium, an enclosed swimming pool, a recreation area including game room, woodshop, arts & crafts room, and darkroom, a senior citizen area, a kitchen, and a number of offices and meeting rooms. A wide variety of community groups hold meetings at the center regularly, and three guest agencies are currently housed in the center; i.e.,

> the Northwest Community Council, the Institute for Human Resource Development and the Division of Rehabilitation Services.
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> A youth program provides counseling, employment assistance, and social activities for area youth, and an after-school day care program is available for school-age children of working parents. A weekly average of 200 senior citizens participate in the lunch program and associated activities (recreation, education, field trips, etc.). An emergency food bank assists families in crisis situations, and a number of special medical services such as immunizations, vision screening, cancer screening, blood pressure checks, nutrition counseling, and dental clinics, are offered in addition to the general medical clinic. Recreation programs serve all ages and skill levels with a variety of activities, from swimming lessons for 3-month-old babies to ceramics for senior citizens.
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> Local residents have been working on developing the 13 acres around the center into a park for almost as long as the center has existed, and this summer (1978) all the work has finally paid off. The Salt Lake City Parks Department planted trees and grass. The city has agreed to develop and maintain the park on county land, and a number of new outdoor facilities are planned for the future; i.e., a football/soccer field, a baseball diamond, a jogging trail, picnic pads, and possibly an outdoor basketball court and additional tennis courts."
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> .... Jane Erickson

As the missionary work had been expanded, new stakes and missions were being organized over the entire world, and during 1970, the first stake in Asia, in Tokyo, and in Africa Transvaal were created.

1971

One always wonders as January 1st is heralded in, what the New Year will bring. This means each day is a challenge to make the most of the hours we have and to accomplish as much as possible that will be helpful and progressive in our own lives as well as others. New resolutions are made(often are broken, sorry to say), but with persistence, at least some become a part of our life pattern and hopefully are an improvement.

Our ward was now sixty-nine years old and had seen many changes through the years. In connection with the Correlation Program of the Church, January brought a new correlated teachers development program; also, a bishops training program which would be conducted by the stake presidents and would be an aid to the bishop in his many responsibilities and assignments.

June was always a special month for the "Senior Citizens". Their wisdom and knowledge and the experiences they have had are important factors in helping those younger to benefit thereby. They are choice individuals, and for many, many years, the Church has honored them with a special outing.For a long time, it was held in Liberty Park;but as the city grew and more stakes were organized, it was impossible to handle this event there, so it became the assignment for each stake to have a special day set aside for our senior citizens at which they would be guests at a luncheon and program.

A very special day in the lives of two wonderful individuals -- President John B. and Edna Matheson -- was their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on July 1st. At the stake hall, they were honored by their choice family and many, many friends who wanted to show their love and respect for them and appreciation for the years of service they have given to their fellowmen in countless ways. President Matheson is now our stake patriarch, having been ordained to this calling on March 28, 1967.

Also, traditional in our stake have been the Lagoon outings, and our ward has won several times the $50.00 remuneration for having the highest percentage in attendance. We were so honored again this year in July.

Changes were being made in the nation; and on July 5th, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 years by the 26th Amendment to the Constitution.

In becoming worldwide, the Church now had many different ways of bringing to all members the blessings of the Gospel that we have enjoyed here for so many years. One great blessing was the starting of Area Conferences. The First Presidency and some of the other General Authorities held conferences in various areas of the world. People often travel hundreds of miles to attend the sessions. The testimony they have of the Gospel is certainly exemplified by their desire to learn more and receive advice and counsel from the leaders of the Church. The conferences generally include two general sessions, a priesthood session, a mothers and daughters meeting, and a social cultural program where they have an effective display of their cultures. The first Area Conference was held in Manchester, on August 27th-29th and also included England, Scotland and Ireland with 12,000 in attendance.

In September, our ward welfare farm produced choice peaches for sale to our ward members, as well as an abundance of grapes. Cecil Trumbo and Jerry Burningham were in charge of this project.

In October a Genesis Group of the Church was organized which was designed to serve all black members of the Church in the Salt Lake Valley.One of our ward members, Brother Ruffin Bridgeforth, had the honor of being selected and set apart to be the president of this group. They conducted Relief Society, Primary and Mutual. Sister Bridgeforth was called to serve as secretary of the Relief Society.

At the close of a wonderful year, our ward had had six missionaries into the mission field, and the Church now had a total of 15,205 missionaries.The membership of the Church was now 3,090,953.

1972

The year 1972 was going to see many changes and events, both in the Church and in the nation.

A decision was made that Church dance festivals and Church sport tournaments would be held on a regional basis from now on instead of an all-Church basis.

Two beautiful temples were dedicated in the State of Utah; the Ogden Temple, January 18th through 20th, with President Joseph Fielding Smith giving the dedicatory prayer with two sessions each day; and the Provo Temple on February 9th, with the prayer having been written by President Smith, but because of his health, President Harold B. Lee read the prayer at two sessions.

President Heber J. Grant and others, as early as May, 1921 had inspected sites in Ogden on which to build a temple, but it was not until 1967 that because 52% of the temple ordinance work was done in the Salt Lake, Logan and Manti Temples, it was decided to build a temple in Ogden and Provo. The Ogden Temple was constructed at a cost of $4,209,000 and the Provo Temple at an approximate cost of $4,000,000. Both of these temples were built, using the same general plans which, of course, saved time and expenditures, but they are not completely identical as there are several variations. This now brought the number of temples being used to fifteen.

Since October 6, 1952 there was a Senior Aaronic Priesthood Program where these men over twenty-one were organized into separate Aaronic Priesthood quorums, and classes were held to help them prepare for advancement in the priesthood and to receive temple ordinances. Many choice men and families were brought into activity in the Church and became outstanding leaders. In January of 1972, this program was replaced with the Prospective Elders' Program which would continue on with the same objectives.

April 8, 1972 brought a change in the Presiding Bishopric of the Church with Bishop John H. Vandenberg released, together with his counselors,Bishop Robert L. Simpson and Bishop Victor L. Brown.Bishop Brown was selected to be the 10th Presiding Bishop and his counselors were Bishop H. Burke Peterson as First Counselor and Bishop Vaughn J. Featherstone as Second Counselor. Elder Vandenberg and Elder Simpson were sustained as Assistants to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

The war was still going on in Vietnam, but promises of peace were comforting.

An attempted assassination was made in Laurel, Maryland on Alabama Governor George Wallace on May 15th,and he was wounded and paralyzed from the waist down, a very sad incident.

Watergate made its appearance on June 17th, the details of which we are all acquainted with after reading and hearing the disturbing and disheartening news, and five men were arrested in the act of burglarizing offices.

We were saddened at the death of our Prophet and President, Joseph Fielding Smith for on July 2nd at the age of 95, he passed away. During the short time he had served in this calling, having been sustained at the age of 93, we read in Church history of the great accomplishments during the time he served as our Prophet. He had also been saddened at the death of his wife, Jessie, in August of 1971. Funeral services were conducted for President Smith on Thursday, July 6th in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, and he was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetary.

President Smith was well known for the great contribution he made to the record keeping and historical records of the Church. He first commenced his work with the Genealogical Society in 1907; and during the time he served in that great work, ward and stake genealogy committees were organized throughout the Church, and microfilming work was begun. On October 1, 1901 he began his labors in the Historian's Office where he accomplished a great deal in gathering Church history. On April 8, 1906 he was sustained as Assistant Church Historian and on March 2, 1921, as Church Historian. In this capacity, he directed the preservation of the historical records of the Church, both general and wards and stakes. He was one of the greatest scriptorians the Church has ever known and authored 23 books.

He did much temple work and served as president of the Salt Lake Temple from 1945 to 1949, having served from 1915 to 1935 as counselor to two other presidents. He also served many years on the Deseret Sunday School Union General Board. In 1951, he became president of the Council of the Twelve.

While he and his wife, Jessie,were in Europe on a special assignment, World War II broke out, and the First Presidency requested they direct the evacuation of all American missionaries.

In Joseph Anderson's book, "PROPHETS I HAVE KNOWN", he paid great tribute to him:

> "To me, President Smith was a man without guile. In his entire life he surely avoided the very appearance of evil. He hated evil, but he was truly and remarkably considerate of the sinner if he showed any signs of repentance. I have heard people who knew him well say that if they were to be judged for any transgression or error by way of the General Authorities here or in the hereafter and could have their choice, Joseph Fielding Smith would be the man they would choose. He was always fair and honest, above reproach in his own life, kindly, sympathetic, and loving. He was untiring in urging people to repent and live righteous lives . . .
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> I have always been keenly aware of President Smith's love of life. He had a zest for living and appreciation of the world about him . . ."

President Harold B. Lee had been serving as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles when he was sustained as a counselor to President Joseph Fielding Smith on January 23, 1970. In a meeting in the temple, it was revealed to the brethren that he should become the 11th President of the Church, and on July 7th at the age of 73, he was thus sustained as Prophet and president. His counselors were N. Eldon Tanner and Marion G. Romney.

President Lee was a man of God, well prepared for his calling, humble and sincere in living the commandments of the Lord. When he was called, an interviewer quoted him as saying:

> "I would only wish that the members of the world over could know my heart and my love as it reaches out to everyone of them to whom I now feel a kinship. My love and blessing goes out to all, that they might know the love of the First Presidency and the General Authorities of the Church for them.
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> The safety of the Church lies in the members keeping the commandments. There is nothing more important that I could say. As they keep the commandments, blessings will come."

Shortly after, he said:

> "We will lean on the spiritual guidance of the Lord. We will move to be led by the Spirit."

As we proceed with the coming history, we will learn the great work he continued to do after he was sustained as our Prophet, Seer and Revelator.

July 24th again had a special meaning for us, for our ward had been assigned by the Presiding Bishopric to have another float in the Days of '47 Parade, the theme being, *"Utah Mining in 1872"*. Bishop Nelson assigned Glen Powell to take charge of the float which he created and designed, and Bryan Matern, Paul Smith and Ruth Ann Smith helped to build and decorate it. Work was done in the backyard of Dean and Vera Catmull. Tony Kip was the miner who rode on the float. His father, Jerry, was the driver (assisted by Norman who rode in the cab with his dad). We received special award for color and ingenuity. The float was 9' wide and

24' long. It featured a purple mountain from the back of the float where Tony Kip, dressed like an old-time miner, sat forlornly on a wood dynamite case, trying to look hopeful. His mine was called, *"THE HOPE"*.

It was a sad occasion when the ward learned of the passing of our beloved former bishop, N. Owen Catmull on July 26, 1972. He was a faithrul servant of the Lord right up until his death. He had come to sacrament meeting, and just before it started, he became ill and was rushed to the hospital. He was serving as an assistant ward clerk (financial) to Bishop Nelson at the time. He had a stroke which developed into pneumonia, and he passed away eighteen days later. He was a kind man, considerate of others, but strong in his leadership and convictions of the truth. His presence is greatly missed, but his influence for good will live on forever.

One really realized the rapid growth of the Church as they watched with interest the new Church Office building at 50 East North Temple being constructed, the tallest building in Utah -- 28 stories -- floor tower, two four-floor wings, and three levels below ground. It accommodates about 2,000 Church employees, and there are three levels of underground parking which provides space for approximately 1,400 cars. One unusual feature was the construction of the windows, 3,600 of them; and to take care of the washing problem, they rotate so they can be cleaned from the inside.

On the north and south facades of the east and west wings, there are relief sculptures of the eastern and western hemisphere maps. One of the most impressive features of the building is in the main lobby where one is truly inspired to see the beautiful oil mural of the resurrected Savior as He is commissioning His eleven Apostles to go and teach the Gospel to all the nations.

The east wing houses the Church Historical Department, and the west wing along with some additional offices house the Genealogical Society. The majority of the offices of the Church are located in this beautiful edifice and at the Church Administration Building where the Lord's work in His kingdom on earth is now carried on. The building is completely paid for, and as President Marion G. Romney gave remarks at its dedication:

> ". . . The structure itself is now a house of giving -- giving through the activities within its walls, to mankind around the world." (Church News July 26,1975 Page 3)

The plaza between the Church Office Building and the Church Administration Building is one of magnificent beauty -- large water falls, pool and fountain, and gardens and shrubbery that are well kept and add much beauty to this area. As one looks toward the west, they behold the impressive east side of the Salt Lake Temple, and President Kimball referred to this area where the building stands and the grounds and nearby areas as, "holy ground".

Actually, the building was first started in October, 1962, when work on the parking plaza, which includes three parking levels, began. Several buildings on the block had been razed to give the necessary space needed, and this phase of construction was completed in December, 1963. The Office Building was begun in July, 1969 and completed in 1972. The first departments started moving in, in November and on July 24, 1975, which was the 128th anniversary of the arrival of the Mormon pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley, President Spencer W. Kimbal gave the dedicatory prayer.

Because of the increased inflation problems in the country, on August 15th President Nixon announced that there would be a temporary freeze on wages and prices to see if this would help the situation.

Our ward was fully aware of the necessity of food storage in this day and age, and participated in canning projects at Welfare Square, besides endeavoring to obey the counsel of the brethren in getting a supply of all needed commodities on hand. In August,it was tomato canning time and Marie Birky was in charge of our ward in this project, which was very successful. There were other projects at later dates to help provide ward members to get in a supply of food.

As changes come on a general Church level, so they come more frequently on a ward and stake level. After having served faithfully and well and loved by all the members, Bishop Fred W. Nelson was released almost five years to the day as our bishop, September 17, 1972, along with his 1st counselor, Fredrick J.B. Smith and 2nd counselor, Clifford E. Savage. Other brethren also served faithfully with him as counselors and clerks.

No one but a bishop and his family will ever know the countless hours they spend to be of service to others for they are the father of the ward and are the local priesthood authority. Their counsel and advice is appreciated and sought after, and truly they are the Lord's servants, unselfish in their desires to carry forth the work of the Kingdom on the earth. As members, we should be grateful to him and also his counselors and clerks who give freely of their time for the benefit of each of us and also their families who likewise make sacrifices to be of any help they can in the service of the Lord.

Many accomplishments had been made during the tenure of Bishop Nelson's calling,and he was a kind and gentle person, along with his sweet, wonderful wife, Esther, whom we likewise admire and respect for her faithfulness; and his family, all of whom supported him in this holy calling.

Another great man whose life was one of example and whose compassion for others was equally felt was called to be our bishop, Lucian T. Farr. His family, likewise, were fully supportive of his calling, and his wife, Juanita, was another gracious, kind Latter-day Saint. He had been serving on the high council and was released from that position and sustained as bishop on September 17, 1972, with Richard L. Whipple and Clifford E. Savage as counselors. Ward clerks were also selected and sustained.

To show the great love the ward had for the past bishopric, they were honored at a special buffet dinner on October 19th. The Relief Society prepared the food, and the MIA presented the program.

While the Church activities continued at a rapid pace, there were likewise changes being made in the United States. A campaign for another president was being vigorously pursued with President Nixon running for re-election and Spiro T. Agnew as Vice President. November 7th brought victory to them by a landslide with 60.7% of the votes and Senator George McGovern and Sargent Shriver lost this election.

Calvin L. Rampton was re-elected as Govenor of Utah for another four years.

President Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, passed away December 26th and was buried December 28th in Independence, Missouri.

Our ward continued to bring joy and happiness to many. Spirituality was a blessing to the people, and various choice activities were held. The Church had 16,637 missionaries in the field in 1972 and during this year, we had seven missionaries representing our ward, and there were now 101 missions.

Yes, 1972 was an eventful year, and 1973 held still more in this changing world.

1973

As one looks ahead in life,we have no idea what the future holds, and it is a wise-loving Father who knew it would be best that we did not have this complete knowledge.However,we have one advantage in compiling a history of past events as we have written information,as well as we can remember what took place during that certain period of time. Thus, in looking over the few remaining years this particular volume of history encompasses of the general history of our ward, stake, all-Church, nation, and world, we are amazed at the changes that have occurred and the news that has been made, both uplifting and sad. 1973 seemed to accelerate the fast pace of accomplishments and changes, and likewise unusual history was made.

New Year's Eve came on Sunday evening this year, and the wards and stakes and missions of the Church, in observance of the Sabbath Day, had late evening Firesides. As the New Year arrived at midnight, dinners and dancing began.

Governor Calvin L. Rampton began a third term as Governor of our state.

President Nixon had won the election in November, and J. Willard Marriott, an active member of the Church, headed his inauguration as he had done in 1969. During the religious services on this occasion, January 21, 1973, which were held in the White House East Room, the Tabernacle Choir had been invited by the President to sing. It was the fourth time the choir had appeared in the White House, and the seventh time it had sung for a President in Washington.

The following day, the nation was shocked and grieved at the sudden passing from a heart attack of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States.

There had been a freeze on wages and prices in this country on August 15, 1971, and on January 11, 1973, these controls were ended.

It was wonderful news of the cease-fire on January 28th which ended the U. S. participation in the Vietnam War, bringing out our last troops on March 29th. We had first intervened in North

Vietnam on August 5, 1964, because of a reported attack on U. S. destroyers; and now this war affecting our country was over, and our servicemen could come home. Our U. S. planes, however, were still bombing communist forces in Cambodia, but the Congress on July 1st ordered U. S. military action in Southeast Asia to cease on August 15, 1973.3,385,000 had served during that time, but how sad that 361,408 had been military casualties with some currently still missing or unaccounted for. What a blessing it was to have those who were in the war return home.

The First Presidency released a statement on the subject, stating that the news was indeed joyous, and "Our prayers now are that a just and enduring peace will follow, for all the peoples who have been involved in this long and devastating conflict. Our hearts go out to families who have been deprived of loved ones and of their homes in this wearying war." (Deseret News 1974 Church Almanac,Pg 51)

The first stake that was organized on the continent of Asia was on March 8th, the Seoul Stake (now known as the Seoul Korea Stake).

The U. S. Space Program was still continuing with its experiments to seek knowledge about the atmosphere and planets that surround us. In 1972 and on April 5, 1973, the first U. S. Spaceship, Pioneer 10 and 11 were launched with the intent of exploring distant planets. They were to pass Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus; and the information we have on Jupiter is mainly knowledge from what has come of these explorations, and the photos that have been sent back. These are still orbiting in space and will at a future date give us additional information regarding these three planets.

The nation's first space station, the Skylab, was shot into orbit on May 14th, and on May 25th, it was launched and manned by three men who spent twenty-eight days and forty-nine minutes in space performing many scientific experiments. A second Skylab mission with a team of three men was launched into space on July 28th and spent fifty-nine days in space, and again on November 16th another manned Skylab was launched, spending eighty-four days in space. These fetes had given us knowledge regarding the atmosphere around us.

We lay members do not understand fully these programs, but in simple terms, many things have been learned from these great efforts that will be helpful in many ways in our modern world.

Inflation is continuing, and conditions do not look like there will be any improvement as everything is increasing in price.

Our ward has always had such fun outings, and May 30th was no exception when we enjoyed the beauties of Washington Park up Parley's Canyon and the friendship of fellow ward members. At the annual stake Lagoon outing on July 16th, we again won the attendance prize of $50.00.

In July, the Church went past the 3.2 million mark with a membership of 3,218,908. Someone was joining the Church every six minutes. What a blessing to so many wonderful souls.

The missionary force was growing, and in 1973 there was a total of 17,501 missionaries in the field. Our ward was fully supporting this program, and during this year, we had a total of ten missionaries who had served, with four of those being called during 1973, five were released that year, and one was still serving from his call in 1972.

The ward was saddened at the tragic news that former Bishop Doyle D. Richards had sustained a fatal accident on September 15th. He and his three sons were in the canyon cutting firewood, and one of the trees fell on him, causing his death. This, of course, brought much sorrow to our ward, having known him and his family and the choice individuals each of them are and the great appreciation and love the members had for him as he served so faithfully and compassionately as our bishop.

It seemed like almost unbelievable things were happening in the nation, for on October 10th U. S. Vice-President Spiro Agnew accepted the conviction of his income tax evasion, and he resigned his position to avoid a trial on charges of accepting bribes.

On December 6, 1973, Gerald R. Ford was appointed by President Nixon as Vice-President of the United States under the 25th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution and was sworn into office. This was the first time this legal procedure was used when he succeeded Agnew.

Temple Square for many years had been beautifully illuminated with Christmas lights, but this year because of President Nixon's request to conserve energy, the Christmas lights were not turned on. However, there were other programs presented during the Holiday Season.

President Harold B. Lee had gone to the LDS Hospital for a routine physical examination, and shortly after, the shocking news came that he had passed away of cardiac and lung complications on December 26th at the age of 74. He had served as the 11th President of the Church a year and a half, the shortest time of any of the other presidents. His counselors who had served with him were President N. Eldon Tanner as first counselor and President Marion G. Romney as second counselor. His funeral services were held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Saturday, December 29th,and he was buried in the Salt Lake City cemetary.

President Lee was a deeply spiritual man with great faith and he had a great love for the people of the world.

He was raised on a farm and knew the value of hard work. His home was one of love where the Gospel was taught by precept and example. He had a musical talent, earned his teaching certificate, and also was a school principal. He filled a mission to the Western States Mission. He served as a Salt Lake City Commissioner, first being appointed to fill a vacancy and then elected.

He was called to be a counselor in the Pioneer Stake in 1929, and then the following year was called as stake president when he was 31 years of age, the youngest stake president of the Church at that time. These were during the depression years, and he knew the spiritual as well as the physical wants of people. Out of a stake population of 7,500 saints, 4,800 were unemployed or were receiving government relief. His father had served as a bishop, and he knew from experience about Church Welfare as his father would use their own stored goods to give to the needy of the ward, but none of the family ever knew who were receiving them.

President Heber J. Grant and his counselors, knowing of the great ability President Lee had to cope with such problems and devise programs that would be helpful whatever the situation might be, called him on April 20, 1935, to act as director in implementing a relief program to help thousands of Latter-day Saints in the most disastrous financial catastrophe the nation had ever known, the Great Depression. We are familiar with the success of this program. He was the first Managing Director and long-time Chairman of the Church Welfare Committee; and no doubt some of his experiences as a child had contributed to the knowledge he had of what it was like to be without worldly goods fo- he once said: "We had everything that money could not buy."

On April 6, 1941, he was called to be an Apostle in which office he served faithfully and humbly. During World War II, he directed the Servicemen's Program of the Church and also later was called to be chairman of the Correlation Committee of the Church. It would be difficult to give all the assignments that were given to him and filled with honor and achievement.

One of the sad moments of his life was when his wonderful wife and sweetheart, Fern whom he had married in 1923 in the Salt Lake Temple, passed away on September 24, 1962. They had a choice life and raised two lovely daughters, one of whom died in 1966.

However, the Lord blessed him with another choice companion, Freda Joan Jensen, and they were married in the temple on June 17, 1963. She, too, supported him fully and faithfully in his callings.

Of President Lee it can be said in his own words that he gave when he was sustained as Prophet of the Church at the Solemn Assembly on July 7,1972: "The only true record that will ever be made will be the record that l have written in the hearts and lives of those with whom I have served and labored, within and without the Church."* Truly, a great Prophet had been called home to further holy callings.(*Ensign -January 1973, Page 24)

A kind, loving, individual who has always had the interest of others at heart, who has served mankind faithfully, Spencer Woolley Kimball, was set apart as the 12th Prophet and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on December 30th, with N. Eldon Tanner and Marion G. Romney as counselors.

We have a choice Prophet -- an individual who has great compassion for all, regardless of their station in life. He has a sensitivity to the wants of others, and through his lifetime, he has shown great charity far beyond our comprehension. He seems to know what an individual needs to help them spiritually, and he is truly an example of the scripture, *"Charity never faileth."*

President Kimball was three years old when his father was called to be President of the St. Joseph Stake, and this necessitated the family moving to Arizona. There was no hesitation as to the faith of his parents, and there he spent his life until he was called in July, 1943, to be an Apostle and sustained in General Conference on October 1, 1943, at the age of 48.

He has served in many Church callings and has always had a great love for the Lamanite people. In his Patriarchal Blessing, he was promised he would work with these people and he has done so much for them and devoted much time to improve their living conditions. He initiated the Indian Student Placement Program, and President George Albert Smith called him in 1946 to work on the Church Indian Program. He served for a quarter of a century as Chairman of the Church's Indian Committee.

The story of his life brings one to the realization that he has been preserved to serve as a Prophet of the Lord in this day. He has suffered many physical afflictions which probably normally would have taken one's life, but he bravely endured through that which befell him. At about the age of seven, he nearly drowned; and some of the illnesses he has had are Bell's Palsy, smallpox, a great struggle with boils, skin cancer, malignancy in his throat, and open heart surgery. His family has likewise had serious illnesses, but through it all, their faith has been unwavering.

He has counseled us as members of the Church to "lengthen your stride," and he has set the perfect example.

The year's end was saddened with the death of our beloved Prophet Harold B. Lee, but the Lord never forsakes His people; and gladness filled our hearts when President Kimball was chosen as our Prophet on December 30th, truly a Prophet of God whom like all other prophets, we sustain and support.

1974

For a number of years, the membership of the Salt Lake Riverside Stake had held their quarterly conferences and other stake meetings in the Riverside Stake Center located at 947 West 200 North. This building would accommodate approximately 1200 people. As the stake continued to grow with new homes being built west of Redwood Road, it became apparent that in the not too distant future, this building would not accommodate the stake membership for stake conferences. The stake presidency then consisting of President Thomas L. Hall, counselors, Floyd H. Gowans and Jack Q. Langford, began searching for alternatives to holding the stake meetings in that building.

In 1974 the Onequa School, an elementary school located at the corner of 500 North and 1100 West, was declared surplus property by the Salt Lake City School Board and was to be auctioned off in the fall of that year. After consideration of the matter and approval by the priesthood of the stake and the high council, it was decided that this would be an ideal location for the stake center, and plans were laid to submit bids on the property.

We were informed by the Buildings and Grounds Office of the Salt Lake City School District that the minimum bid which would be accepted on this site would be $72,000.00. The stake arranged with the Church Real Estate Department to participate in this bid, and on the appointed day, April 2nd, approximately ten brethren representing the Church from the stake and from the Church Real Estate Department met at the School Board offices to engage in the bidding. The format was that the first bids were to be sealed but that thereafter the individual bidders may raise their bids if desired. We had heard of no one else being interested in the property and were hopeful that no one would bid against the Church, and so our initial bid was prepared at the minimum amount of $72,000.00.

Upon entering the room where the bids would be opened, we learned that one other party was there to enter bids, representing a local construction company. Brother VanderLinden of the Church Real Estate Department asked the one officiating to go over the procedure to be followed which was done, and then the gentleman representing the contractor asked if all those present would divulge who they were representing. Our group being the only other ones present, indicated that we're representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and specifically the Salt Lake Riverside Stake and that we desired the property for a stake center. This man then informed the individual who was conducting the business, that he did not desire to bid against the Church and, therefore, would not submit a bid. Because the Church's bid was the only one then received, the stake was able to purchase this site, approximately four acres, for the price of $72,000.00. Later it was learned that the gentleman representing the construction company had authorization and was prepared to bid up to $150,000.00 for this site.

The Church Building Department was then brought into the picture to determine if the school building could be remodeled into a Stake Center. Several architects working for the Church made some preliminary plans and felt that the building would lend itself to an adaptation for a stake center, using the furnace room, the auditorium and several classrooms which were located above the auditorium. Consequently, an architect was retained, the firm of Peck and Jacobsen, and they formulated the working drawings for the remodeling of this building.

Our ward was in great need of repairs, but because of the exorbitant cost of remodeling, after much prayer, thought and study, it was decided we would move into the new stake center when it was completed, which would be a three-ward and stake center. The 29th Ward Chapel had been "home" for so many ward members for a good part of their lives, so naturally, there were mixed feelings about leaving to go to another building as our house of worship.

Anticipating that property was to be purchased upon which a new stake complex was to be constructed, our first stake building fund dinner and country store was held in the ward on November 15, 1973, which was very successful. The Relie Society was in charge of the food, and the attendance was good. The program was presented by a Senior Citizens singing group.

On March 27th, another fund-raising event was held at the Promised Valley Playhouse where the production, "*Blythe Spirit*"was presented. Each ward retained toward their assessment the proceeds they made from the sale of tickets.

It was now the policy of the Church that when a building was constructed within a stake, the entire stake participated in raising the funds for that project, thus alleviating the burden which would be placed upon any one ward. Many events and projects were held, and families and individual members were asked to contribute a certain amount as their share toward the cost of this great and worthy undertaking.

On July 21st at 3:30 PM, a special meeting was held at the stake hall for the members of the three wards involved to approve the plans for the new stake center which was done in the affirmative.

Meanwhile the Church was growing worldwide, and on June 16th the first stake was organized in Denmark, known as the Copenhagen Denmark Stake.

Again our ward won the $50.00 at the stake Lagoon outing on July 15th for the best attendance

The condition in the nation was serious as the Watergate affair took on grave consequences. It had begun in 1972, and through the coming years, there was a great scandal regarding this sad situation with which details most people are familiar as they read and heard the news. Many were implicated and convicted of having a part in this Watergate break-in. Because of this scandal, President Richard M. Nixon resigned as President of the United States on August 9, 1974. This was the first time in history of the United States that a president had ever resigned his office, and the nation and the world were shocked.

As a result, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in on the same day as the 38th President, and Nelson Rockefeller became the Vice-President.On September 8th, President Ford gave full pardon to former President Nixon.

The summer of 1974 started a tradition in our ward of families going to the Box Elder campground for an overnight outing which is located in the Logan Canyon about three miles east of Brigham City, Utah. They meet Friday night and prepare their own meals, after which they gather around the campfire and sing and have story telling time. Probably like the tradition of General Conference, it usually rains on these occasions, but it still does not dampen their spirits.

Early Saturday morning, some go fishing.One finds Pete Savage and Hector Cantu cooking breakfast for everyone -- eggs, pancakes, and hashbrowns. After breakfast, all join in either playing baseball, volley ball, or horseshoes, and some even go for a nature hike; and to add to the fun, there is sometimes a good water fight. These outings prove to be a good way of getting better acquainted with friends and having a good time.

The Church has always been interested in the spiritual and temporal needs of the members, so with the growth of the Church which is now worldwide, after a very thorough study, it was decided by the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve that the health needs of the saints should be turned over to the Health Services of the Church.

In July, 1882, the second hospital in Utah and the first Church hospital was opened by the Relief Society, and it was called the Deseret Hospital. The first hospital in the modern Church hospital system was the Dr. William S. Groves Latter-day Saints Hospital which was opened, and then dedicated three days later on January 1,1905.

On September 6, 1974, the First Presidency announced that all the fifteen hospitals it operated in three western states -- Utah, Idaho and Wyoming -- would be turned over to a new non-church, non-profit corporation known as the Intermountain Health Care, Inc. which will own and operate them. It was felt by the Church that it was difficult to justify providing health services in a single, affluent, geographical locality. Thus, the Church divested itself of these fifteen hospitals, and the legal matters were cleared up by March 21, 1975.

November 19th-22nd were special days as President Kimball dedicated the Washington Temple at Kensington, Maryland. The ceremonies were repeated in ten sessions. This temple is built on a 57-acre tract in a beautiful wooded area high on a hill on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. From the highways around Washington, one can see its majestic beauty. This was the 16th and the largest temple built up to that time that is being used by the Chur and is one-third larger than the Salt Lake Temple.

The groundbreaking site was dedicated by President Hugh B. Brown on December 7, 1968. It reminds one of the Salt Lake Temple, only in modern design. The exterior is faced with white Alabama marble which was selected by President David O. McKay who called the Washington Temple the "*gem among temples*" when he authorized its construction. There is a beautiful gold-leafed statue of the Angel Moroni on the highest spire, and it is a seven-story, six-spired structure. It was built at a cost of approximately 15 million dollars, including furnishings.

November and December were busy months in the ward. A country store and dinner taken care of by the Relief Society and Primary were enjoyed by all.

With the purchase of the Onequa School, a salvage sale was held there on November 28th, and preparations were underway as this project proceeded.

The ward had a Christmas dinner and social on December 20th along with some beautiful programs during this season, depicting the solemnity of this most beautiful period of the year which the world celebrates as the birth of the Savior.

1975

Another busy year ahead - - each day is a challenge to accomplish and achieve goals we have set individually and collectively.

Area Conferences were still being held all over the world, with Brazil, Argentina and the Far East having the privilege of receiving these spiritual blessings in 1975.

In February, when President Kimball was attending the first Area Conference of the year in South America (held in Sao Paulo, Brazil), he announced to the saints there the good news that a temple was going to be built in Sao Paulo,and the site had been selected. This would be the seventeenth temple operated by the Church. He showed the architect's drawing of the building, and the saints were overcome with joy to the point of flowing tears.

The enrollment in Church Seminaries and Institutes of Religion in 1975-76 was 288,303 compared with ten years prior of 133,552. BYU now had a fall term enrollment of daytime students of 25,689, and in 1965-66 there were 18,725 students. Thus the Church education programs saw a large increase of students taking advantage of a religious education, and this did not include other Church colleges which likewise indicated the same favorable trend. Many of our young people are participating in these very important programs of the Church.

There were now 737 stakes and 134 missions and a total membership of 3,572,202. Nineteen sixty-five showed a Church membership of 2,395,932, 412 stakes and 76 missions. Is there any doubt that the Church was becoming worldwide as 62 new stakes were organized during 1975 in all parts of the world. Since 1965, the missionary force had increased from 12,585 to 22,492.

President Kimball was desirous of "taking the Church to the people," and thus many Area Conferences had been scheduled throughout the world where the Church was established.

Our ward and stake were busy,too, carrying on the many responsibilities and assignments necessary to help the work of the Lord go forth in this part of His Kingdom. Ten of our young men were in the mission field, with six returning that year and four being called. Many other faithful members were serving well in the callings they had, and one received a rich spiritual feeling as they participated in and attended ward meetings and events.

Churchwide, the creation of an area supervisory program to oversee Church activities in areas outside the United States and Canada was announced by the First Presidency on May 3rd. Six Assistants to the Twelve were called to fill these assignments, requiring that they reside in the area to which they were assigned.The following were selected: Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, Great Britain-Western Europe and South Africa; Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, Germany-Central Europe; Elder J. Thomas Fyans, Mexico-Central America; Elder James E. Faust, South America; Elder Adney Y. Komatsu, Japan-Far East; and Elder Robert L. Simpson, Pacific-Polynesian Islands. As the years have gone on, changes have been made.

Likewise, on May 17th a supervisory program was announced for missions in the United States and Canada. Members of the Council of the Twelve were assigned as advisors, and supervisors from the other General Authorities were appointed over the twelve areas, but they would not be required to live in those areas, thus making whatever travel was necessary to take care of their responsibilitie

For about one year, some very extensive remodeling had been done to the Arizona Temple in Mesa. After the completion of this work, prior to the rededication on April 15th and 16th, public tours were conducted for a few weeks for those who desired to see this beautiful edifice. It was estimated that approximately 205,000 persons toured the temple. President Kimball rededicated this magnificent temple on April 15th-16th with services repeated 7 times. It was originally dedicated by President Heber J. Grant in 1927, and at that time, President Kimball had sung in the St. Joseph Stake Choir on the roof of the Temple.

In his remarks, he noted the significance of temples, and reminded the saints that the day would come as the prophets had foretold when hundreds of temples will be found throughout the world, and we should live worthy to enter them, obeying the commandments of our Father in Heaven.

The new complex of Church buildings in New York City had been completed, and on May 25th, President Kimball dedicated them. It included a visitors center on Lincoln Square, a stake center, facilities for three wards, a Genealogical branch library, and the offices and mission home of the New York New York City Mission. It is a beautiful building, and one particular interesting feature is an animated diorama with talking mannequins portraying a family learning from the Book of Mormon on the Hill Cumorah at a special family evening. The building is an impressive one, reaching up into the sky thirty-six stories. The first four floors are used for Church purposes, and the remainder is leased as apartments. It was constructed by the Church, but the apartment units and other commercial establishments are leased to business interests. Think what this means to the members there in the vicinity of New York City, and the tourists who come there to tour the facilities and learn something about the Church; also, the tremendous impact our Temple Square has on millions of individuals each year.

Fathers and sons outings are looked forward to, and on May 30th and 31st, one was enjoyed by those who participated. They went to the Old Pony Express Route in Tooele County. A fireside chat was held in the evening. Then a portable screen and movie projector was set up in a small canyon, and the youth and some of the adults saw a couple of Walt Disney -ovies. Saturday there was hiking, motor bike riding, horseshoe pitching, and short side trips. A delicious breakfast was served consisting of pancakes, eggs, and hash browns which were prepared by the stake. Some fun!

June 27th saw the end of the auxiliary General Conferences of the Church,which was announced during the opening session of the 1975 June Conference. The conferences were replaced with annual Regional meetings which would be held for all priesthood and auxiliary leaders in the stakes of each region.

July 12th was another great event with an overnight camp for those of the ward who could attend.

In connection with our ward conference in the fall, the stake gave a dinner to the officers and teachers, and this was held October 16th. The meal was delicious and the evening one of enjoyment.The efforts of the stake were sincerely appreciated by those participating.

In fulfilling prophecy that more temples would be built, President Kimball announced in November that a new temple would be constructed in Seattle, Washington; and a few months later, gave the good news that a temple would be built in Mexico City. Just prior to that time, five stakes had been divided in Mexico City, making fifteen new stakes at one time, which was the largest organizational task in Church history.

October 3rd at General Conference, President Kimball announced the organization of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

The first time that death has come to two General Authorities on the same day since the death of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, was when two wonderful General Authorities passed away on December 2nd -- Elder Hugh B. Brown of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, an Assistant to the Twelve. Elder Brown had been ill for some time, and Brother Christianse passed away from a cardiac arrest, having been to the office the day before. They had both devoted their lives to service in the Church.

Our ward always enjoys our country stores and dinners and another was held on December 4th. A great deal of effort and time goes into these events, and the preparation beforehand often involves many months of work on the part of those who make beautiful items of clothing or other art work. Of course, the cooking of the food prior to eating time is a task, but the Lord gives us blessings of joy through our unselfish efforts.

So many things could be written, giving spiritual experiences that members of the ward had had during the past year and previous years. One cannot begin to emphasize enough the important role of the Church in the lives of God's children. Every soul is precious, and all that is done should be done with the purpose in mind of uplifting each other toward improving each day, with the goal of Celestial life as our ultimate achievement.

1976

Nineteen seventy-six was a year long to be remembered, one filled with many memories--the commemoration of the 200th birthday of our nation, the beginning of the construction of our new three-ward and stake center, the addition of two visions to the Pearl of Great Price, the election of a new president of the United States, the disastrous collapse of the Teton Dam, a Church-sponsored TV special -- to give just a few.

Yes, this was a special year, the observance of the United States of America's Bicentennial. President Gerald Ford said the United States is observing *"the greatest Fourth of July any of us will ever see."*

In Washington, D.C. the Declaration of Independence was on display for seventy-six hours of public view; in New York was one of the greates displays of sail ships since the British square-riggers landed troops there in 1776. The beautiful Statue of Liberty, which has been a symbol of freedom to millions of emigrants to this wonderful land of America, was illuminated with brilliant lights Saturday night on the eve of the Bicentennial. In Philadelphia where our nation was born 200 years ago, thousands of individuals came to visit the Independence Hall, to see the Liberty Bell and the house where Betsy Ross sewed our firs American flag. In Valley Forge, Pa., President For came to declare it a national park, and 200 wagons had made camp there, which wagons comprised five separate wagon trains that had travelled cross-country 17,000 miles. President Ford also went to Philadelphia, and there in a special ceremony, the bell in the tower of Independence Hall was rung; and in turn, bells throughout the country rang out, saluting the solemnity of the occasion when the Declaration was signed, "proclaiming liberty throughout the land". The entire nation was celebrating this great occasion.

Salt Lake City and other parts of Utah had many special events in observance of this great blessed anniversary. However, there was one unexpected event -- a power blackout throughout part of the western United States which affected the Salt Lake Valley. An Eventide Service was to be held in the University of Utah Special Events Center which should have started at 8:00 PM, but the event was delayed for an hour until the auxiliary power could cool off the building on a very hot 4th of July. It also had effects on other events being given elsewhere. However, the service at the University was an impressive one with music by the Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus and the Salt Lake City Bicentennial Choir. Allen Ludden was the guest narrator, and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale gave a stirring speech.

At other locations, three Bicentennial concerts were given by the Salt Lake City Municipal Band. Parades were held, exhibits, fireworks held at parks and recreation areas -- many of these activities were held on Monday, July 5th.

We are truly blessed to live in a land of freedom for the Lord has told us in the Book of Mormon,

> "Behold, this is a choice land. Whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ..."
> (Ether 2:12)

As we have read and studied our history books, we are no doubt familiar with many of the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence for the United States of America and the purpose for which it was written and accepted.

The Church participated in this great year-long celebration. For three years, they planned for its proper observance. Elder L. Tom Perry of the Council of the Twelve was chairman of the Church's committee. A scrapbook was assembled to record some of the history and activities which were held by the Church nationally. Quoting some excerpts from Brother Perry's General Conference talk on October 2, 1976, where he told of items placed in the scrapbook, we find:

> "During the last few weeks we have been assembling a scrapbook to record the history of our activities relating to this celebration. How I have thrilled with the accomplishments each day as new pages have arrived! Each piece helps build a beautiful picture of how our involvement has satisfied a need, told a story, taught a lesson, and helped to build an appropriate observance of this great event.
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> Now let me thumb through the pages of this incomplete scrapbook and highlight some of the accomplishments for you, realizing there is one-fourth of the history of this year still to be written.
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> The first section I turn to is entitled 'Education'. It is filled with books, posters, magazines, lesson manuals, stories, pictures and descriptions of exciting events. I read an account of sixty special education weeks held throughout the land and designed to teach the participants a love for country and the requirements of being a good citizen. I see the Ensign, the New Era and the Friend magazines replete with informative articles about the history of our country and our hope for the future.
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> I see copies of a poster series designed to teach of God's hand in the founding of America. It was distributed and displayed in our chapels throughout the country. Most noteworthy has been the distribution of 821,000 copies of a special supplement to the Family Home Evening manual. The demand for this manual far exceeded our supply. In homes across America beautiful lessons have been taught on the purpose and destiny of this land.
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> There is a section of the scrapbook entitled, 'Public Communications.' Here we find stories of videotape presentations displayed in our visitors centers entitled, 'God Bless America'; clippings from 1,075 newspaper articles in the United States

> dealing with how the Church is celebrating the Bicentennial; pictures of eighty-nine dance festivals featuring dances of the colonial period, the largest having 9,000 participants and playing to between eighty and ninety thousand people.There were pictures of floats sponsored by local Church units in parades in the nation. We have pictures of pageants centered around or incorporating a Bicentennial theme - 'This Land of Liberty' in Washington, D.C. and other pageants in Nauvoo, Oakland, Independence, Manti, Cody, Hill Cumorah and, of course, 'Above All Other Lands' in Salt Lake City. Special billboards told the story of our belief in America.
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> Special mention should be made of the contribution of the Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus. Their outstanding program, 'America, America America' was telecast over many public broadcasting stations.
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> Many letters were received from communities thanking the Church for being part of their Bicentennial celebration."

Brother Perry went on to say how the Church helped them in their planning, asking for no funding from them, and it literally saved their town celebration.

> "One of the most exciting sections of the scrapbook is under the label of 'Primary', our children's organization. Thousands of children during this last year have learned to appreciate this nation and what their role will be in preserving our great heritage.
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> Under the next three headings -- 'Youth', 'Young Adult', and 'Special Interest' -- we find pages full of their accomplishments. I group them as one because their activities have been interwoven and similar. They have largely been participants in the dance festivals, nineteen original dramatic

productions. Heritage Fairs, Bicentennial Balls, etc. Most interesting to me was the host of activities participated in by these three organizations and their willingness to give volunteer service to the communities in which they live.

We estimate today that there have been between seven and eight million man-hours of volunteer service by members of the Church since January 1, 1976. We encourage you not to stop now. We expect to be over the ten million man-hour mark by December 31st. I still see a need to fix up, clean up, and paint up to make America beautiful.

Yet another section entitled, 'Relief Society' is illustrated with pictures, programs, songs and poems. Our wives, our mothers and our single sisters have put their tender hands on compresses to relieve suffering; industrious fingers to needles, brushes, pencils and skillets to revive colonial beauty to concert halls, chapels, and amphitheaters to thrill our souls with music; to auditoriums, speaker's platforms and classrooms to remind us of the tender role of colonial women and the righteous leadership and thoughtful teaching which must continue to come from womanhood through all ages. With warmth and love we commend the Relief Society for well over 3,000 special events which contributed to our Bicentennial.

The scrapbook is too full to mention all of the organizations and events which have come from the Church's contribution to this great celebration. To the general, regional, stake, ward, mission, district and branch Bicentennial committees, I congratulate you on a job well done. In my travels from coast to coast I have not witnessed a finer performance than that accomplished by theChurch. Your participation has left no doubt concerning your love for this great land and your determination to preserve its heritage.

This report could not be concluded without a special tribute to the great Tabernacle Choir."

Speaking directly to the Tabernacle Choir, Brother Perry goes on to say:

> "We know of your artistic talent, which is abundant; but in your spirit I find no equal. May God's blessings continue to be with you in bringing heavenly music to a troubled world.
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> It was during one of your performances that I found the real spirit of the Bicentennial. On the evening of July 3rd, with the Tabernacle Choir centerstage, surrounded by noted personalities from sports, politics, stage, screen, radio and television, and in the presence of our prophet and the president of our country, seated side by side (which seemed so significant and appropriate on the eve of our 200th birthday celebration), I witnessed a performance I will never forget. Down the right aisle came a patriot soldier to tell us of the faith and courage required of him to give birth to the land of the free. Down the left aisle came a Mormon pioneer woman announcing herself to be Eliza R. Snow. She told of the industry and sacrifice required of her in building a nation.
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> The theme had been forged to guide us through the next hundred years of glorious history. First, to exercise faith in God our Eternal Father and to place our trust in Him as a foundation for all things; second, to have courage to uphold righteousness and be a part of preserving it; third, to be industrious and build for the future; fourth, to learn to sacrifice willingly for a brother or sister in need.
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> Let us remember the spirit of this glorious celebration with renewed determination to perpetrate the gift of our great heritage.
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> As we start a new century, may it be a new beginning of governing with righteousness based on the eternal laws of God. (Ensign,Nov. 1976, Pgs. 39,40,41)

President Spencer W. Kimball also presided at a Church-sponsored U. S. Bicentennial devotional attended by more than 23,000 people at the Capitol Center in Landover, Maryland.

Our stake played an active part in this commemoration. In February, a special stake family home evening program was held. Under the direction of our ward choir director, Arthur Larsen, our outstanding ward choir presented a patriotic program at Sacrament meeting on July 11th.

This is a historical year for our stake, too. In August of 1975, bids were open for the remodeling of our new stake center and three-ward building (see 1974 history regarding the purchase of same), and they came to approximately $700,000. The Church Building Department felt that this was too high, having estimated the cost would be in the neighborhood of $550,000. Since a stake center constructed according to Church standard plans could be constructed for $750,000, it was felt that we should not proceed with the remodeling project. Consequently,the firm of Peck and Jacobsen prepared plans to build the standard Fairmont Church plan on that site. These drawings were finished in the winter of 1975-76, and bids were let in the spring of 1976 on March 23rd. Steenblik Construction Company was the low bidder with the bid of $758,000. On March 30th, the ground breaking ceremony at the building site was held at 6:00 PM.

On July 21st came the tearing down of the previously purchased Onequa School. The stake members were asked to bring their hammers and chisels and clean bricks on the school grounds to be sold to help raise money for the new building. For the wards who were willing to put forth the effort, there were extra benefits in the way of cash credits for their building assessment. Our ward made such cash credits. We did better on the brick cleaning than on anything else. Many of the ward members participated, wore their gloves out handling hundreds of bricks. First pulling them out of the demolished building; second, wheeling them to the south fence, and finally cleaning and stacking them. One evening, we had 63 people on the work force. We couldn't be sure whether they came to eat the delicious homemade ice cream or to clean bricks. When it grew too dark to work, however, there were several thousand bricks stacked in the 29th Ward's pile, ready for sale.

Much help came from the faithfulness of the saints making their monthly contributions. Some came forth with sizeable contributions. Several benefits were held to make the building fund grow. For three years in a row, we had a country store. We had several shows at the Promised Valley Playhouse. Those who got in the harness and pulled with others who were doing their share, enjoyed it -- a sacrifice worthy of the Lord's blessings. We watched the building grow. The weather stayed mild until the roof was covered.

Also, in this year, South America was being blessed with a temple, and the groundbreaking was on March 20th by Elder James E. Faust.

As Latter-day Saints, we know that the Lord gives continuous revelations as they are needed for our development and good. Joseph Smith received a vision of the Celestial Kingdom in the temple in Kirtland, Ohio January 21, 1836; and President Joseph F. Smith had a vision of the redemption of the dead in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 3, 1918. These revelations were of such importance that members attending General Conference on April 3rd sustained by their unanimous vote to add them to the Pearl of Great Price.

Our Church Welfare Program is known worldwide.

> "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides a positive way of life that affects members and families spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Welfare service was established for the specific purpose of providing for the total

> well-being of the Saints. Welfare is not just a program of the Church; it is the essence of the Church." (Welfare Services Handbook, 1974)

The Lord has told us in the scriptures that we should remember the poor and those who are in need, and see that they are properly taken care of. The Mormon Welfare Program is one of dignity and self-worth; and when and if we need to be partakers of it, we should feel that it is a very important phase of the Lord's plan here on earth. We should also feel it a blessing and a privilege to participate in helping others as well as our own families. We can do our part by being faithful in the payment of our fast offerings and welfare assessments and by donating manpower hours when necessary and where possible. Compassionate service is a part of the Relief Society Welfare responsibility. Great will be our joy in whatever way we contribute to this program. Blessings beyond our comprehension will be given to us by our Heavenly Father.

It was revealed in February, 1831 to the Prophet Joseph Smith that it was God's commandment for the Church members to remember the poor, and this was done for both temporal and spiritual needs. There have been many changes made in the Welfare Program of the Church since then which you will find very interesting reading in the history of the Church, but bringing it to our time element, many will remember the days of the great depression when there were not many material things available because unemployment was high and incomes very low. Through this period, however, there seemed to be a great feeling of unity among families, neighbors, and friends; and in spite of the fact that earthly possessions were very limited our lives were centered around our home and our Church, and there was a happiness there that one will never forget. Because of the world situation around 1932, and with the Church having no overall coordination in this phase of activity, several stakes in the Salt Lake area endeavored to provide for their needy members' employment and commodities

In the April General Conference of 1936 in a special meeting,it was announced that the Church would begin a Church-wide Welfare Program; and each bishop was instructed what to do. In October General Conference of that same year, it was formally announced by President Heber J. Grant and presented to the Church and was called the Church Security Plan.

In 1938, it was changed to the Church Welfare Plan, and then at a later date, it was called the Church Welfare Services Program. This program was a great blessing to the people to assist them through some very difficult years and has continued to be so in many phases of our lives.

On April 7, 1973, it was announced in General Conference that a new department was being created called the Welfare Services Department which would bring three welfare units together -- Health Services, Social Services and Welfare. They would direct the storehouse resource system which would include assistance for those in need, and an employment system. The LDS Social Services was organized earlier to help those who have emotional or social problems which would include adoptions, unwed parents, foster-home care, Indian student placement and professional therapy.

The Deseret Industries has been a great blessing to many of our wonderful saints, and now we have the Welfare Service missionaries which is discussed in the missionary section of this book. In times of emergency, this program comes to the aid of many.

In October, 1975 Welfare Conference, the Church announced a Family Preparedness Program to help prevent some of the problems that could arise. This covers literacy and education; career development; financial and resource management; home production and storage; physical health; and social, emotional and spiritual strength.

In a message to the April, 1976 Welfare Conference, President Spencer W. Kimball said:

> "We encourage you to grow all the food that you feasibly can on your own property. Berry bushes,

> grapevines, fruit trees -- plant them as your climate is right for their growth. Grow vegetables and eat them from your own yard. Even those residing in apartments or condominiums can generally grow a little food in pots and planters . Study the best methods of providing your own foods. Make your gardenneat and attractive as well as productive.
> (Ensign, May 1976,Page 124)

Families have been counseled to have in storage one year's supply of food, clothing, and where possible fuel, and to get out and stay out of debt. This counsel has been given the members from the early period of the Church Welfare Program. It is so vital today that we follow this advice as one can easily see from the world conditions. The purpose of this is to help families be self-sustaining during their hours of need which could be caused by illness, accident, unemployment, natural disasters, or by human catastrophe, such as a depression or war.

The Church has published pamphlets and many articles of instruction on home storage and has advised that we store basic items that in time of emergency would sustain life, and then foods we would ordinarily eat. It is not possible to give one single solution as to storage as every individual's needs are different according to their physical and cultural environments.

Bringing all of this down to the local level, we find that a bishop has a great responsibility in seeing that the welfare needs of worthy members of the ward are met; and working with him are his counselors,the high priest group leader, seventies president, elders president, the director of the Aaronic Priesthood, the Relief Society presidency, and the ward clerk. Likewise, there is a Stake Welfare Services Committee, a Regional Welfare Services Committee, and where needed, an Area Welfare Services Committee. In some phases, missions work on a different basis. The bishops storehouses play a vital role in caring for the needy.

One can see from this brief outline on welfare services that it requires the generous, loving care of many individuals who are willing to give of their time and means to implement that which is necessary for the needs of those members in their particular area.

In 1955, the Riverside Stake purchased a dairy farm in Kaysville as a welfare project. This was very successful, and our ward members donated many hours to help maintain it properly, as well as making monetary contributions. This was a blessing to our stake. However, with the changing times, this necessitated some revisions to be made to our farm in the 1970's.

First of all, approximately 40 acres of land north of the farm were purchased from the Robbins Brothers. This transaction allowed the Stake to obtain approximately 35 acres of excellent ground and also a large storage pond which was located upon the property. This increased our reservoir of water significantly and insured our operation with adequate water.

In the middle 1970's it became apparent that I-15, the north-south freeway, would divide our farm and that access from the east to the west side would be very difficult. It could be accomplished only over a very steep bridge which was to cross the freeway at the south end of the farm. Because of this, we began looking at the possibility of moving the farm to the west side of the freeway. During this period of time the Smith Family made an offer to purchase approximately 20 acres of our farm located on the Northwest corner. They desired the land for a subdivision, and since it was not prime agricultural land and very difficult to get water for irrigation to that area, it was decided by the presidency, high council and priesthood to sell the property to them for $1,800 an acre.

Shortly thereafter, we were contacted by a developer named Kirt Lowder. It was his desire to purchase approximately 26 acres located on the Southeast corner of our farm for a subdivision. We discussed the matter at length with the Welfare Department of the Church and determined that if other property could be obtained so that we would not lose our production capacity, it would be wise to sell this property. We located a piece of approximately 20 acres on the Southwest corner of our farm. This property was purchased by Mr. Lowder, and then we traded with him this 20 acres for the 26 acres. Since the property which he purchased was of much greater value commercially, the Stake also received in addition to the 20 acres approximately $100,000, which aided greatly in the maintenance and continued function of our farm.

In the early part of 1977, we became aware of a farm that was to be sold consisting of 170 acres owned by the Stewart Family which was immediately west of our farm. The Stewart's were asking $2,500 per acre. We discussed the matter at length with the Church Real Estate Department and the Church Welfare Department and felt that in view of the fact that we may some day have to abandon the property east of the freeway that we should avail ourselves of this opportunity to purchase this property. Therefore, in the summer of 1977 this transaction was completed, and we purchased the Stewart property.

Shortly thereafter, the stake began serious deliberations as to the advisability of continuing with a dairy project. We sold our entire milk production to Welfare Square, and because of other welfare farms also supplying to Welfare Square, they were only able to purchase approximately 900,000 pounds of milk from us each year. This milk could be produced by approximately 55 head of cows. Because of inflation, it did not appear to us to be economically feasible to attempt to continue milking a herd the size of 55 cows. We obtained the best advice and counsel which we could from the Church Welfare Department and from the Utah State University, and determined that a 100 cow herd was the minimum size which could be operated efficiently. Therefore, we entered into negotiations with the Bountiful Wood-Cross Farm in which we would sell to them the entire herd and raise grain, hay and silage which we would in turn sell to other Church Welfare Farms. This plan was approved by the presidency, high council and priesthood of the stake, and in the spring of 1978, we completed that transaction and went out of the dairy business.

In the summer of 1978 we were approached by the Financial Department of the Church, and they indicated that the Church would be interested in purchasing from us the approximately 70 acres which we had left in our farm east of the I-15 Freeway. This sale to the Church was to provide us ample funds to pay off our indebtedness for the purchase of the Stewart Farm, and so the stake presidency, high council and priesthood of the stake approved this sale. This was finalized in the latter part of 1978.

June 5, 1976 was a tragic day in the upper Snake River valley area of Idaho when the Teton Dam suddenly collapsed. Sixty-nine people were killed, and it was estimated there was one billion dollars in damage. Church members suffered extensive property damage. Approximately 7,500 volunteers aided victims, giving about one million man hours. Refugee housing was provided, the bishops storehouses met the food, clothing, and clean-up tools needed by the members and the Church food service provided approximately 15,000 meals per day for the flood victims. Wards and stakes were called upon to help in any way they could, and members of our ward responded either with monetary help or going to Idaho to give of their labors. May we quote from a brief note from Signe Sydlinker who was one of those who went there to assist the flood victims:

> "Our trip to Rexburg, Idaho was a memorable occasion. Two buses left our stakehouse at 3:00 AM, each paying our own transportation. We took our own drinking water, lunch, buckets, mops, rags and whatever other tools were necessary to help the clean-up of the flood.
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> We were met at the Church house and were assigned to the different homes to help. It is a sight I'll not forget to see the devastation of the homes and land. Some homes were completely gone from their

> foundations. Some of us shoveled out dirt and mud, others chipped linoleum from the floors, and some washed and disinfected dishes and canned goods to be used. Others washed walls and cleaned dirt from nails for reuse. You could see the watermarks left on the inside of the homes that weren't washed away.
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> The people were so thankful for all our help. To know we could lighten their burden was worth the expense, time and work. It was a good tired feeling as we arrived home late that night."

Many other instances of assistance to those who have encountered disasters in various parts of the world could be related.

October 1976 was also an historical General Conference as at that time, all Assistants to the Twelve were called to the expanding First Quorum of the Seventy, and the presidency of that quorum was reorganized with Elder Franklin D. Richards replacing Elder S. Dilworth Young as presiding president.

On November 21st, the Church sponsored an hour-long TV special entitled,"*The Family .... and Other Living Things.*" Its purpose was to help people understand the importance of family unity. It was premiered in syndicated broadcasts nationwide and brought more than 80,000 responses, many of them requesting a free family home evening booklet offered on the show entitled, "*It's Next Week.*"

At our October 10th Stake Conference, a new stake presidency was organized with the release of President Thomas L. Hall and his counselors who had served faithfully and well, President Hall having served for eleven years. President Floyd H. Gowans, first counselor to President Hall was sustained as our new stake president. He was now the 4th president to serve in this calling from our ward, our stake having had five stake presidents. President Gowans moved into our ward with his family in August, 1956, just after he graduated from Law School the previous June. He had served well in several capacities, both in the ward and stake. In 1967, he had the honor of becoming bishop of the 29th Ward, but because of his new calling as a counselor in the stake presidency, he probably held the office of bishop the shortest on record, seven weeks. He became Judge in the Salt Lake City Courts while serving as a counselor in the stake presidency, which position he still holds as a Judge, but now in the Circuit Court. He is serving honorably and well as our stake president, which is a choice blessing to all of us.

A national election was again held, and Jimmy Carter became the 39th President of the United States on November 2nd, with Walter F. Mondale as Vice-President. The election in Utah brought victory to Scott Matheson as our new Governor.

Yes, memories have been stored away this year to be recalled many times during our lives.

1977

This year started out on January 1st with an announcement from the First Presidency that General Conferences would be held on the first Sunday of each April and October and the Saturday preceding.

The Church entered a float entitled, "*The Blessings of the Family Home Evening*" in the famous beautiful Rose Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day. This was the second float to be designed and built by the members of the Church, in the Southwest Region, having sponsored one in the parade in 1976. The theme of this year's parade was, "*The Good Life*". This is an excellent missionary tool, as on the following day, the floats are displayed in a nearby park, and missionaries are there to answer questions of those interested in learning about the Church.

The 800th stake was organized on January 15th known as the Veracruz Mexico Reforma Stake formed by Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve.

Our stake and three-ward building was progressing rapidly in the completion of its construction, and various events were being held to raise funds to finish paying the cost. On January 19th in the Promised Valley Playhouse, our stake membership enjoyed the "*Pirates of Penzance*", which was a fund-raising project for this new building and was very successful, as well as entertaining.

Attending the inauguration on January 20th of the 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, were special guests, President and Sister N. Eldon Tanner. The program was conducted by a Church member from Nevada, Senator Howard W. Cannon, who was the chairman of the joint committee on arrangements for the inauguration. President Carter broke tradition as he walked with his wife, the First Lady, Rosalynn Carter and his daughter, Amy from the White House to the Capitol.

The winter of 1977 had been one of the worst on record in certain areas. People were either suffering from cold or dought, hunger or illness.

The First Presidency sent a letter to every stake and mission president in the United States and Canada, asking the Church members to observe a week of prayer which was culminated by a special day of fasting and prayer on Sunday, February 6th. They asked all members to be generous in their fast offering contributions so that provisions could be made to care for the sick and afflicted and the needy, that, "the ravages of hunger, illness, cold, and drought may be alleviated now and in the days to come at home and abroad." The eastern and southern portions of our nation had been struck with extreme cold and storms, and the west was afflicted with drought. The First Presidency cautioned us to not waste food as there are so many in the world who are hungry. Also, that we do not use any unnecessary electricity or fuel, "lower thermostats where feasible, observe prescribed speed limits and join car pools."

We should be concerned for our neighbors and keep the commandments of our Father in Heaven. The government had suggested we lower our thermostats, if possible, to 65° in the daytime and lower at night. After the severe winter, a great many areas suffered one of the hottest summers of the century.

Looking ahead seventy-five years seems almost like an eternity, but looking back, the years have passed all too fast, but what wonderful memories they hold: unlimited accomplishments; some failures (with them valuable lessons learned); lifetime friendships formed that will go into the eternities; families that are forever; happy times; sorrows; physical changes in surroundings with constant growth wars with their sad destruction; turmoil and strife; an evolving of an atomic age and a technological knowledge never before known to man; orbiting into the vast area of space and exploring the outer elements and even landing men on the moon; changes in lifestyle with all the latest in vast transportation systems, continual advancement in modern conveniences and changes in styles of dress; great advances in the medical field which have increased the life span of man; all of these and so many more too numerous to mention.

Particularly as a Church, we have thrilled that we now are worldwide; the changes in procedures of Church government; the increased missionary efforts; the auxiliaries being priesthood-oriented; block (ward) teaching now is home teaching with great emphasis placed upon the role of the home teacher; the importance of family home evenings with the family as the basis of our society; the increased numbers of temples throughout the world and the greater amount of temple and genealogical work being done; and again one could go on and on with the glorious accomplishments and growth in the Church and the many things yet to be achieved in a relatively short period of time in mortality before the second coming of the Savior.

What a wonderful day and age to live in, but what great responsibilities we have!

Yes, this is just a small portion of what seventy-five years can bring. Why are we concerned with this number of years? - - because on February 10th, the 29th Ward celebrated with pride and joy, its 75th (February 9th) birthday with a dinner and a variety show, but it took on an extra note this year because we knew this would be the last anniversary we would be having in our present building as we would soon move to our brand new beautiful three-ward and stake complex. But what choice memories came to our minds as we thought of what had happened in this grand old edifice. The efforts that had been made in the past to construct it with a labor of love and a sacrifice of monetary means will always be appreciated, and the blessings that resulted were far beyond one's expectations. If only the walls could talk and tell their story, but only the hearts of those who felt of its warmth and there served with unselfish love can truly know what had been added to their lives.

The St. George Temple was 100 years old, and on April 9th and 10th, two days of special commemorative services were held there with more than 4,000 Church members attending.

It is interesting to note that on April 19th a Latter-day Saint was elected as Mayor of Nauvoo, Walter Hugh Pierce, a native of Moultrie, Georgia.

Since the 1840's, he was the first Mormon to serve in that office.

May was arriving which would be a time never to be forgotten in the hearts of the 29th Warders who would now move from a sacred building that had been their "Church home" for many, many years. In life as one era closes and another opens, there is always a sad note in leaving behind that which one has held dear and moving on to new heights and new experiences. But one can always recall past memories, a blessing the Lord has given to us to relive and remember precious moments that have been a part of our lives. It does not diminish in anyway those choice experiences we have had as we find changes become necessary and new chapters open in our book of life.

As explained earlier in this history, the need became imperative because of the present physical condition of our ward building for us to have a new one in which to worship. Much hard labor and money had been contributed by so many to this project through which the Lord has blessed His people for their willingness to give of their time, talents, and means. The building was completed at a total cost of about one million dollars for land, construction, and furnishings and it was completely paid for when it was finished. It is a beautiful attractive edifice -- one we can look to with pride and joy and know that there we will continue in the service of our Father in Heaven in helping to build His Kingdom here upon the earth. Everything had been carefully planned, and three wards were to share the building located at 500 North and 1100 West -- 29th, Riverside, and 16-28th Wards, along with it being our stake headquarters.

An open house was held on Friday, April 29th , from 4:00 to 9:00 PM at which refreshments were served, and everyone eagerly inspected the newly finished edifice, contemplating future meetings and activities to be held there -- once again to build memories never to be forgotten.

The last week of ward meetings were held in the 29th Ward building on 1100 West and 400 North, and beginning on May 1st, new meeting schedules were arranged as is printed on a separate page of this book

Thursday, May 5th, was a combined "farewell" and "hello there" social as we were in the process of moving from one ward building to another. This was a special occasion. At the farewell, we witnessed an entertaining view of the seventy-five years in the 29th Ward building. Roy Luker took the part of the father and Brian Gough the part of the son. He proceeded to relate to his son a short history of "our ward", how it really started before the beginning of the 19th century and the progress of its construction and becoming a full-fledged ward on February 9, 1902, at which time the basement was finished. The building was completed in the spring of 1905, but because of the financial condition of its members, it required faith, sacrifice, and hard work to finish paying for it; and it was not dedicated until 1915, with President Joseph F. Smith giving the dedicatory prayer. The original architecture of the building changed considerably through the years.

A brief resume was reviewed of the choice bishops with which we have been blessed: Theodore McKean, Wilford W. Emery, N. Owen Catmull, Glen S. Burt, Irvin K. Luker, Eldon E. Partridge, Thomas M.Thomson, Jr., Doyle D. Richards, Floyd W. Gowans, Fred W. Nelson, and Lucian T. Farr. As the program proceeded, skits were presented by various organizations to add to the interest and entertaining farewell social. Tributes were paid to the various groups of the ward.

As the move is completed, the father explained to his son that on the ground where the new chapel stands was formerly the Onequa School, an old friend of many; and as time progressed, it also became necessary to remodel that facility to meet its present needs. But as the school grew older, the School Board decided it had outlived its usefulness; and it was closed down, and the students transferred to newer schools. Details are given in a previous year's history (1974) as to how we became the owner of that property.

As the father continued to counsel his son, he advised him:

> "Son, you will do fine. It takes a lot of work and a lot of love to make a good ward. There is one other source that has helped the 29th Ward to grow and to be more nearly perfected. This has been the picture of Christ hanging on the wall of the chapel which we have observed each Sunday and has seemed to be the real face of our Savior, either approving us as we have felt His Spirit in our meetings or reproving us if we have felt uncomfortable in His presence.Although you might not take the picture with you, you should take His Spirit which is shown in the best qualities of the 29th Ward members. I am going to miss the old familiar faces, but at least I am not going to be entirely forgotten, and maybe some of the old members will come and visit me from time to time. The time comes when we all must move on and go on to something bigger and better."

He then told his son to take the fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers -- his old family would now become his new family. They were his responsibility to continue on in new surroundings as the new three-ward and stake center has been completed and will be our new home.

The beautiful musical selection, *"BLESS THIS HOUSE"*, was then rendered -- a choice ending to an era of a wonderful life that had lasted for over seventy years.

Life goes on -- changes come and go, and often they are difficult to make and adjust to, and at times we may feel we can hardly make it, but that is the Lord's plan of living and learning, of growing and maturing. We never stand still - - we either go forward or backward, and with the Lord's help and our willingness, we are able to accomplish that which He would have us do.

So now we are entering a new phase of our ward history -- one that will add great blessings to our lives and bring many new opportunities. Our "Farewell" has been held, and now we have a "hello there" at the new ward and stake building where a delicious dinner was prepared in our new kitchen and served in the cultural hall. The YM-YW presented for our entertainment, their latest Road Show, *"THE UNINSPIRED VERSION."*

A new life has begun -- wonder in seventy-five years from now what great memories will be written about the rich, rewarding experiences we will have here.

The fathers and sons of the ward always enjoy their outings, and on May 6th and 7th, they went to Simpson Springs.

The Welfare Program of the Church is making great progress in providing for the temporal needs of its members. A bishops central storehouse, the second in the Church to be constructed, was opened May 14th at Colton, California. Welfare commodities will be distributed to ten regional and stake storehouses in parts of California, Nevada and Arizona.

If you really want a fun outing, don't miss the ward outings at Washington Park. On June 2nd was another one of these special occasions, and how delicious are the hamburgers and trimmings.

After moving into our new building, the first stake conference was held there on June 5th.

Permission was requested of the General Authorities to dedicate the new building, which was completely paid for, and that approval was received in the latter part of May, 1977. The building was then dedicated on June 26th by President Floyd H. Gowans who had been called to suceed President Thomas L. Hall as president of the Salt Lake Riverside Stake in October, 1976. A great milestone had been reached, and this was a solemn occasion as the building was dedicated to the Lord for worship and good, clean, wholesome activities.

The building contains 2,500 square feet and is situated on four acres of land. 50,000 square feet of sod was laid on the ground in three days. The Steenblik Construction Company, the builders, donated a new Standard Works which is on the pulpit

We were also advised at the dedication that immediate plans for a new chapel to be built west of Redwood Road are in the making because of the increased construction of homes there, and each ward will help in the financial support.

The summer was filled with many activities, among which were our stake Lagoon outing on June 29th; a ward overnight outing at Mantua Flats;

and youth activities which included a Timpanogas hike.

When the Fargo North Dakota Stake was formed on August 7, 1977, Elder Boyd K. Packer who was presiding at that stake conference said:

> "Now every state in the union has a stake headquarters within its boundaries. This is a very historic day. The tapestry is complete; the last piece is in place."

After serving faithfully and well as second counselor in the bishopric, LeRoy W. Jenson was released on September 18th, and Ted Lewis was sustained. We know he, too, will fill this position with honor and ability.

Another stake building fund event was enjoyed on September 8th when we watched the musical production at Promised Valley Playhouse, *"THE MIKADO"*

The importance of temple work is re-emphasized with the addition of new temples. On October 15th, the First Presidency announced plans to build a temple in American Samoa which will serve members of the Church who are living in the South Pacific Islands of Samoa, Tonga, French Polynesia (Tahiti) and Fiji.

A beautiful Orson Hyde Memorial Garden will be developed on the slopes of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem which is just above the Garden of Gethsemane on a five-acre tract of land, and these gardens will become a part of a larger Jerusalem Gardens National Park. This has the support of the National Parks Authority of Israel. Elder LeGrand Richards was asked by the First Presidency to spearhead the fund-raising project which was one million dollars. Then the Hyde family members met together with Elder Howard W. Hunter and Elder Richards- and he was elected by the Orson Hyde Foundation to be the preseident. This was because of his long-time interest in the Jewish people.He has written a book about the jews, entitled, *"ISRAEL! DO YOU KNOW?"* All who contribute to the fund will have their names inscribed on a scroll which will be placed in a time capsule in the stone wall of the grotto. These funds will provide for the development of the gardens, and care and maintenance for the property for 999 years will be given by the government of Israel and the municipality of Jerusalem. We are sure this will be a great missionary tool as many come to enjoy the beauties of this garden.

Country stores have always been fun, and one on November 11th was no exception to this rule. Lovely Christmas gifts were available which included many beautifully sewn items and toys; home-baked goods and homemade candy; a fish pond; and a delicious dinner could be chosen from a large variety of home-cooked foods. The proceeds from this worthwhile event went to the building fund.

It seems there is nothing as constant as change, and rumors had been flying regarding another change of boundaries of the ward. For some time the 29th Ward membership had been decreasing, and Rosedale Ward increasing, so after careful consideration,it had been approved by ward, stake and General Authorities that the 29th Ward would now add to its boundaries those living on the south side of 500 North to 330 North and from the east side of 1400 West to the west side of 1300 West which was voted upon unanimously in a special combined sacrament meeting on November 20th for the 29th, Rosedale and Center Third Wards. The 29th Ward bishopric remained in office, but inasmuch as the bishop of the Rosedale Ward, Richard Syversen and counselor, Richard Clifford were now members of the 29th Ward, Phillip Cutright was sustained as the new bishop of the Rosedale Ward. 29th Ward welcomed wholeheartedly those members from the Rosedale Ward, letting them know how blessed we were to have them as a part of the ward. Naturally, there is always a feeling of sadness when a ward changes boundaries as it means old friends are not seen as often but still remembered and cherished, but likewise, new friends are made and old acquaintances once more renewed. This change brought great joy and encouragement with 41 new families and 111 new members added to the 29th Ward.

Nineteen seventy-seven was rapidly coming to a close -- a year that found each day bringing great fulfillment, happiness and joy, but also sorrow,hardship and an increasing awareness of a "changing world", with inflation climbing and war and discontent in many parts of the world. However, the Church was making great strides in its efforts to bring the Gospel to all who are seeking the truth. At the close of the year, the Church membership was now 3,966,000, an increase of 223,251 over the previous year. Every day in 1977 there was an average of 611 persons who became members of the Church which compares to creating a new ward or branch somewhere in the world every day. There were now 25,264 missionaries in the mission field, and there were 157 missions. Eight Area Conferences were held in 1977 in Latin America.

1978

Another 29th Ward history book will be completed toward the end of this year (November 1st), and in 1978, there were some of the most significant spiritual events since the restoration of the Gospel in these latter days. Let us review some of them, that we might know what has happened.

With missionary work the prime reason for our participation, a Mormon-sponsored float was entered in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, traditionally held on January 1st, but this year being Sunday, it was on January 2nd. An appropriate theme of our float was entitled, *"I AM A CHILD OF GOD"*. The float was crafted of a breathtaking array of floral arrangements and had seven children of different nationalities on it.

For many years, we have been blessed with a temple in our valley which was built by the hard work of our pioneer forefathers without modern machinery but with a labor of love and service, taking forty years to complete. That seems so unusual to us in this era of conveniences, but when we read of the way it was constructed, it was a miracle. This part of the country is growing at a rapid pace, and with the tremendous load placed upon the facilities of the Salt Lake Temple and those in nearby cities, plans were announced by the First Presidency on February 3rd to construct a new temple in our area to be called the Jordan River Temple which will be built on a fifteen-acre site in South Jordan at a cost of $125 million and will begin in the spring of 1979. As members of the Church in our area, we were invited to contribute toward the total cost. What a blessing to us as a people and those who are to follow after us, and what a privilege that we will now be able to give our means toward a temple.

Shortly after, the temple districts were announced. The fifty stakes in southern Salt Lake County were assigned to the Jordan River Temple District, and forty-nine stakes in the northern half of Salt Lake City and southern Davis Countie were to be in our Salt Lake Temple District. We can, however, attend the Jordan River

Temple, but on our stake days, we should attend the Salt Lake Temple.

A pilot program was being conducted in the St. George area for temple names extraction. Several hours each day were given by more than thirty volunteers who were working from microfilm from old parish registers. This will make it possible for the St. George Temple District to have names constantly provided for proxy ordinances in the temple.

Parts of the United States were besieged with severe winter snowstorms, particularly the east and midwest, and California was suffering from devastating rains.

The 29th Ward observed another anniversary -- its 76th -- on February 9th. This was the first year that we had our birthday party in our new building on Friday, February 10th. The theme was *"ANYTHING GOES"*, celebrated with a delicious dinner and a fun program. Because we are still paying to a Stake Building Fund to construct another building, a donation of $5.00 was asked per person or $15.00 per family.

For the benefit of the shut-ins that they, too, may enjoy and receive the spirit of our sacrament meetings, these meetings were recorded for their use and were made available to other ward members if desired. They were on "reel-to-reel" and could be transferred to cassette tape.

Two significant announcements were made by the First Presidency on March 31st. In 1979, there would only be two stake conferences held each year in each stake. President Kimball explained the change was made,"to ease the burden of time, travel and money upon the members of the Church". A General Authority will attend one conference, and the Regional Representative the other.

At the Regional Representatives Meeting on this date, President Kimball announced the implementation of the "NAME EXTRACTION" program. As previously stated, this had been a pilot program in St. George, and there they found that the members could provide an average of thirty names per hour, so the two stakes there were able to provide the temples with all the names that could be used for a year and then some. Over the years, individuals have done extensive research on finding their own family tree, thus providing names for temple ordinance work, and they are to be commended for this. However, with the increased number of individuals for whom temple work must be done, a quicker method was needed. As President Kimball said, some day thousands of temples would dot the earth which would mean names must be available for these to be performed. When we stop to think how many millions upon millions have lived and died since the beginning of time on this earth without ever knowing about the Gospel, or who have not had their own temple work performed even though they knew about the Church, or were members, and how many more will still live upon the earth, the task is overwhelming to know that each one will have an opportunity to accept or reject these temple ordinances which must be done by proxy. In thirty-five different nations each year, considerably more than 100 million names are microfilmed on records.

Elder J. Thomas Fyans of the First Quorum of the Seventy explained further this program as at that time he was Executive Director of the Genealogical Department:

> "The new system will provide millions of names for the temple ordinance work and will be done by special Genealogical workers called in the stakes and missions, and each temple district will be responsible for providing names in that particular temple. This new approach will make it possible for centers to be set up around different parts of the world, thus decentralizing the Genealogy Department. Through the computer system, all records will be updated in Salt Lake City, using the information sent from all the various areas."

Even though you have previously submitted your four-generation records, you will want to submit the information for the ancestral file. This will continue until June, 1981, after which microfilming will begin.

In preparing this information for the four-generation family program, the adult members of a family unit -- parents, adult brothers and sisters -- will work together and compare their records to be sure that there are no discrepancies so that the information will be accurate. Then one family representative will be responsible to submit it to the ancestral file in the genealogical library which will consist of a total of eight sheets. George Durrant of the Priesthood Genealogy Division of the Church Genealogical Department stated,

> "As a family member prepares to turn in one set of records of himself and for his brothers and sisters, he should make sure the top sheet is his own pedigree chart, the second is a family group record form for his parents, the next two are family group record forms for this maternal and paternal grandparents, and the next four are family group record forms for his great-grandparents."

Of course, one can still carry on their family research beyond the four-generation sheets. Further detailed information can be secured from the Genealogical Department of the Church.

Genealogy materials are now available for Braille members, and it is encouraging that work is underway to help other physically handicapped people. In Salt Lake City, the Genealogical Society library at the Church Office Building is beginning to help blind individuals do their genealogy work. They are also establishing the groundwork to enable them to do effective genealogy work in branch libraries throughout the world. Classes are being taught for the blind and sighted volunteers. They learn about the files and indexes. They show where their families' genealogy work stands. The volunteers assist by guiding, looking up references, and writing down information. There are also some blind volunteer consultants and Braillists. Some of the Genealogical Society employees are assisting with the program. It will take some time as Braille materials are bulky, and blind individuals must rely on friends or public transportation to take them to the library, but they are enthused and willing to do their part. Also, many materials yet have not been translated into Braille or put on cassette tapes.

The legal mandatory retirement age was raised on April 6th from 65 to 70 for most workers. Those who wanted to retire earlier may. For most federa employees, the law was abolished entirely for mandatory retirement at age 70.

May 21st provided a blessing for the members of the Church in our area to make their contribution to the new Jordan River Temple that was to be built in our valley. Special meetings were held following sacrament meetings in which we pledged to our priesthood leaders what we could give to the construction of this great temple. The groundbreaking for the temple would be in the spring of 1979, and the building should be completed in 1981 This was the first time most of us had had an oppo tunity to help finance the construction of a templ

Another temple, the first one built outside Utah after the saints came out west, was the Hawai Temple in Laie. This temple had been closed for tw years for extensive remodeling. An open house had been held from May 1st through 29th except Sundays for the public to see this beautiful edifice with more than 105,000 persons touring the temple. Approximately 80% were nonmenbers, and they were very impressed with its beauty. The temple was rededicated on Jaunary 13th by President Spencer W. Kimball.

The Lord is still revealing to His people in these latter days His will as He did in the days of old. One of the most significant revelations in our day was announced when the First Presidency released a statement on June 9th that President Spencer W. Kimball had received a revelation that all worthy, faithful male members of the Church may receive the Holy Priesthood without regards for race or color.

The brethren had been very concerned about this matter for a long time as the Gospel is to be taken to "*every nation, kindred, tongue and people*". Our Prophet, President Spencer W. Kimball had sought the Lord in great faith regarding this problem, and likewise the brethren had asked in faith, a complete and sincere faith, that the Lord would reveal His will as to whether this was the time.

President Kimball told the brethren that he was going to the temple, into a very special place, and seek an interview with the Lord as to His wishes in this matter. In the temple the First Presidency and the Twelve had another prayer; and President Kimball wanted to be voice in this prayer, offering it with great faith and great fervor. Great powers were felt and the Prophet received that instruction which the Lord gave as a revelation by the power of the Holy Ghost. The brethren were all one, and the Lord poured out the Holy Spirit upon the First Presidency and the Twelve and each of them knew by personal revelation that the full blessings of the Gospel were now to go to every nation, race, and culture. Ten members of the Quorum of the Twelve were present, and all members of the First Presidency. Elder Delbert L. Stapley was ill in the hospital and Elder Mark E. Petersen was in South America, but they were contacted and had received the same witness as to the truthfulness of this great revelation. So great was the spiritual experience that it is too sacred to even write.

This happened on the 1st of June, and one week later on June 8th, the brethren approved the document which President Kimball announced to the world the following day. June 9th early in the morning, all the General Authorities who were available were present in the temple and received the assurance and witness and confirmation by the power of the Spirit that this revelation was the will of the Lord, and they reaffirmed approval of the document before its public announcement.

One family in particular in our ward who would receive this great blessing of the priesthood in their home were the Bridgeforths. At the homecoming service of Elder Grant Dee Nelson, Elder Boyd K. Packer came to our sacrament meeting and shared the time with Elder Nelson, speaking to us regarding this revelation. The reason for his coming was because Brother Ruffin Bridgeforth was serving as president of the Genesis Group and was now to be ordained a high priest by Elder Packer.

By way of background, Brother Bridgeforth and his wife, Helena, had been members of the Church since July 9, 1953, residing in Salt Lake City, and Brother Bridgeforth was working for the railroad as a pullman porter attendant and conductor. He was born in Melville, Louisiana, and Helena in Durango, Colorado. They have had six children, one of whom passed away in November of 1978. They were worthy, active members of the Church, holding many positions, and frequent speakers in sacrament meetings. Brother Bridgeforth eventually came to the attention of the General Authorities; and through Elder Boyd K. Packer and Elder Thomas S. Monson, a group was formed for black members of the Church. Ruffin was chosen to be the first president. The name "GENESIS" was chosen by Brother Bridgeforth, which meant "THE BEGINNING", which it was for these members. He was set apart by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley. Through hardships and trials, they have had success with this group.

Thus,Elder Packer was desirous of ordaining Brother Bridgeforth a high priest and came to our sacrament meeting to get the approval of the ward membership for this ordination. Elder Packer ordained him following the meeting in the privacy of one of the offices in the building.

The summer of 1978 was a busy one, filled with many enjoyable activities and rich spiritual experiences, some of which were -- our annual ward outing at Washington Park (one in June and one in September);the Youth Conference at BYU; an early-bird breakfast for Blazer Scouts and mothers at the home of Richard and Ethel Syversen; a Regional

Dance Festival; senior citizens appreciation day; Brighton girls camp; stake Lagoon Day; Tracy Wigwam camp for ten and eleven year-old boys; the 100th birthday for the Primary to which the entire ward was invited; and the girls Kolob camp.

Spiritual experiences included stake conference; a Seminary graduation in the Assembly Hall; a "Night of Sharing" for the Young Women; stake temple days; a Regional Leadership Meeting; a special baptism for boys and girls in the Salt Lake Temple; a Genealogy open house presented by the seventies quorum; also, four full-time missionaries were called.

We were shocked when we heard the news of the tragic drowning accident of Carlos Jay Sudweeks and his brother, Ralph, on July 18th. They and their families were vacationing at Rockport Reservoir, and Jay and Ralph had gone out for a few hours fishing, but their boat overturned, and they could not be found and pulled from the water before they drowned. Jay had served as president of the ward Sunday School for seven years as well as in other positions. His family likewise have been active and a credit to the Church. Ralph was a member of the Rosedale Ward. These families were loved and respected by their families and many friends.

A special women's Fireside, the first of its kind, was held September 16, 1978, in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. LDS women 12 years of age and over gathered in more than 1400 congregations in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand where it was broadcast live via closed-circuit audio facilities. Speakers included President Spencer W. Kimball; Sister Ruth H. Funk (former General President of the Young Women); Sister Elaine Cannon, Young Women General President; and Sister Barbara B. Smith, General President of the Relief Society. The proceedings were translated and sent to countries where they speak a foreign language. A wonderful choir of 400 young women from the Bountiful, Woods Cross, and Kaysville, Utah area sang so beautifully.

On this choice occasion, President Kimball gave some wonderful counsel to the sisters of the Church. He said:

> "This is a unique and significant gathering. Nothing like it has ever been held before in the Church -- and so far as I know, in the world."

He brought many principles of the Gospel to the attention of the women, counseling them to live the commandments of our Father in Heaven. He further said:

> "Each of you should be grateful to be a woman ... To be a righteous woman is a glorious thing in any age. To be a righteous woman during the winding up scenes on this earth, before the second coming of our Savior, is an especially noble calling..." Ensign, November 1978,Pages 102-103)

On September 29th at the Regional Representatives meeting, President Spencer W. Kimball again emphasized the importance of missionary work, stating that "we have hardly scratched the surface".

The next two days at the General Conference meetings, he gave a renewed charge for the saints to keep individual journals and to beautify their homes and properties and plant gardens; hold their family home evening; observe the Sabbath; do their temple work; honor their parents; work toward perfection; respect and foster life; keep their marriage relationships sacred; and to be honest and cling to the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He also said in the priesthood meeting that wanton killing of animals and birds was wrong, and they should only be hunted if they were to be used for food. A Prophet had spoken and again given advice and counsel to help us in striving for perfection in our lives.

On October 8th, another outstanding stake conference was held where we were instructed and encouraged to live the Gospel. The month went by as other months, enriching our lives with spirituality and clean social activities.

World conditions are serious, and inflation is continuing to spiral upward. Satan is using his influence everywhere he can, trying to lead people away from the truth, because he knows that we are preparing for the second coming of the Savior. The gratitude of our hearts should pour out to our Father in Heaven for the knowledge we have of the Gospel and for our membership in His Church which is precious above all else. As Elder Bruce R. McConkie indicated, the time is not too far distant when the Gospel is all we will have to cling to. Make each day count in our lives -- enjoy it to the fullest, and strive in every way we can to live the commandments of our Father in Heaven. Share the joys of the Gospel with others, that they, too, may partake of its blessings and happiness.

As we come to the close of another era in the general history of our wonderful ward, we quote the Bishopric's Message in the monthly 29th Ward Publication, October, 1978:

> "When Christ preached the Gospel message, He often ended by reference to 'ears to hear and eyes to see'. It must have been puzzling to his hearers to have him say that they needed to hear and see when they had already heard and seen Him deliver the gospel message. Then, as now, Christ's followers needed ears to hear and eyes to see the spiritual aspects of the message He gave them as well as the literal message.
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> We need to use our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters of our Father in Heaven, not to see each other's faults or imperfections. We need to use our ears to hear the special message that the Spirit of the Lord whispers to us individually when we pray.

> Christ might well have suggested that we use other parts of our bodies and their spiritual counterparts in His service. He might have said for us to use our mouths and lips to speak kindness and love to each other and to carry the gospel message by testimony to our friends and neighbors and all the earth. He might have said for us to use our hands to serve each other and to serve our families. He might have said for us to use our feet and legs to carry us swiftly on His errand. He might have said for us to use our backs and shoulders to bear one another's burdens. While Christ did not mention all these other parts of the body, it is apparent to those who have 'ears to hear and eyes to see' the message of the Lord that He means for us to use our whole soul, our 'hearts, might, mind and strength' in serving Him.
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> May we each serve the Lord with our whole being, our every word and action as selfless one."

Although the concluding date of this volume of history is November 1, 1978, it is felt it would not be complete without adding to this history the honorable release of our present 29th Ward Bishopric on Sunday, November 26th -- Bishop Lucian T. Farr, his counselors, Richard L. Whipple and Ted D. Lewis, and executive secretary, LaMar Nielsen. Our now past bishopric and their families and others who have served with them have the love of the entire ward and appreciation and gratitude for the strong leadership and service they have rendered to us and our Father in Heaven during their tenure of office. They have been faithful and true to their callings and have helped each of us in our needs and have strengthened our testimonies of the Gospel by their example.

On this day, another bishopric was sustained with our full support and prayers in their new callings, knowing they, too, will be choice leaders. Richard A. Clifford is our bishop, Ralph

R. Francis is our first counselor and Ted D. Lewis as second counselor. Roger D. Magneson is executive secretary, and the same clerks serving with Bishop Farr were retained: Alvern C. Goff, Fay B. Hardy and Richard Westmoreland.

Our former bishopric has given us this parting message:

> "We, the released bishopric, wish to express our appreciation for the services rendered and the donations made to support the 29th Ward while we have been serving as your bishopric, and we will join in giving support to our new bishopric."

COOKS AT WARD DINNER

Lucian T. Farr and
Fred W. Nelson

WARD DINNER

Shannon Gowans and Daughter,
Colenso Babcock,
Roxy Cantu and Son

WARD DINNER - RIVERSIDE PARK

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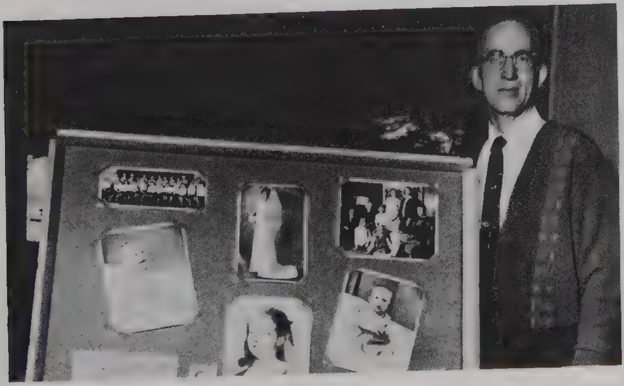

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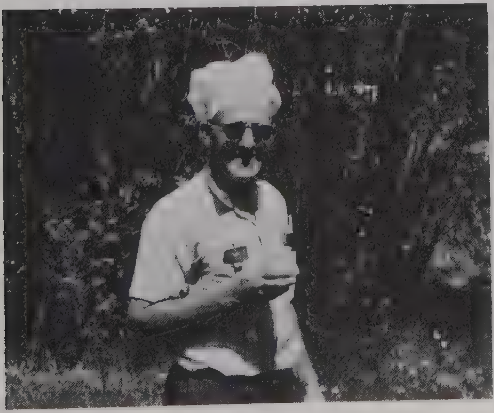

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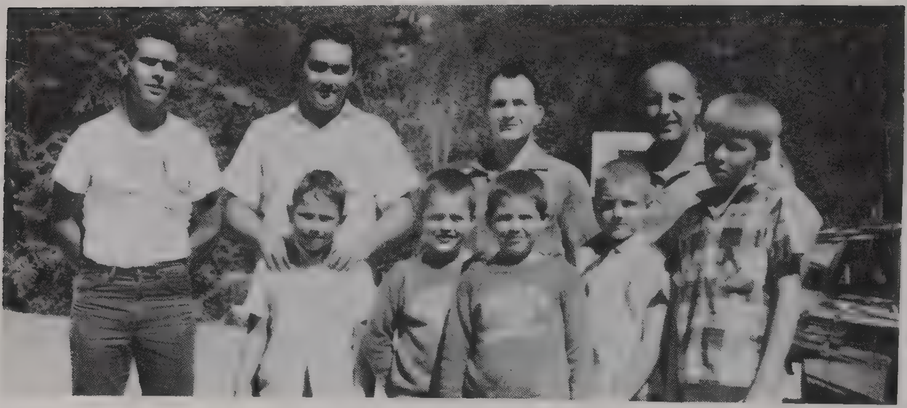

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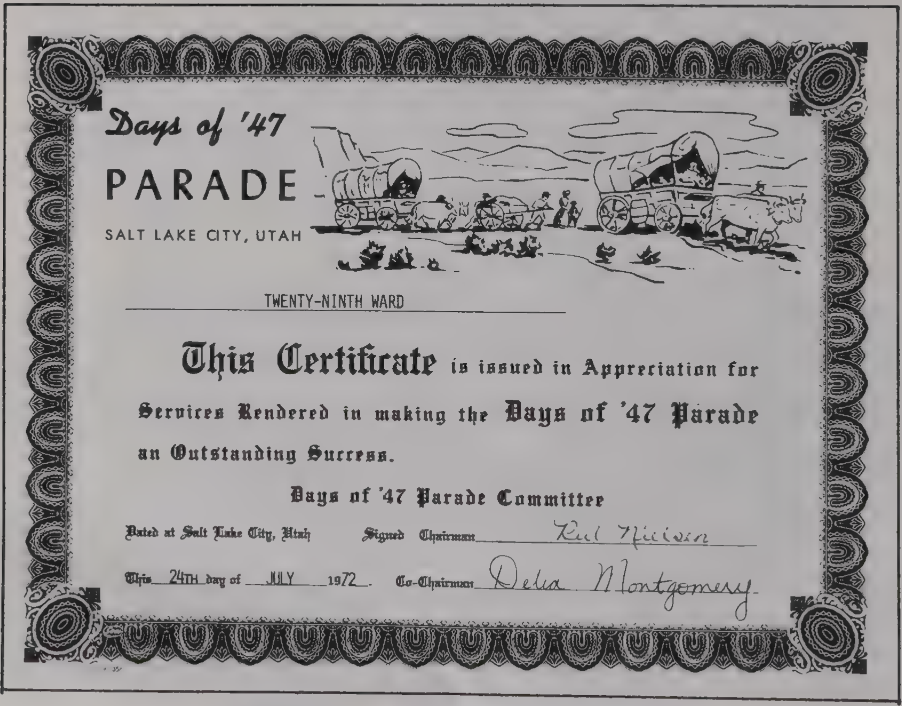
MOTHER AND DAUGHTER'S OUTING
AT DEVILS SLIDE

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER OUTING

PARADE AWARD



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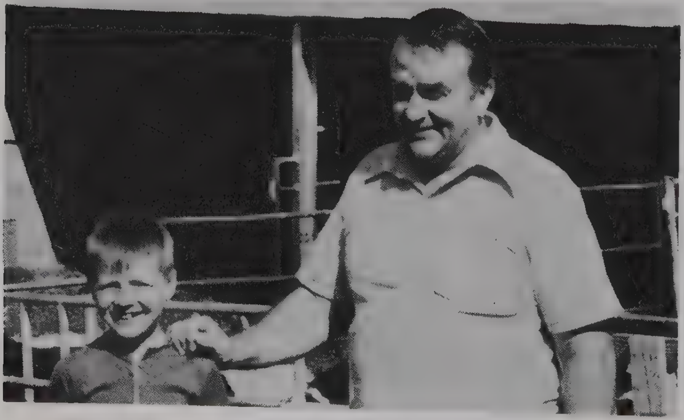

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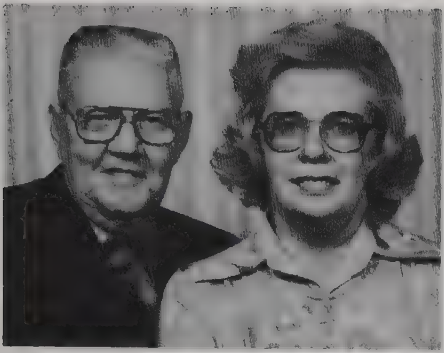

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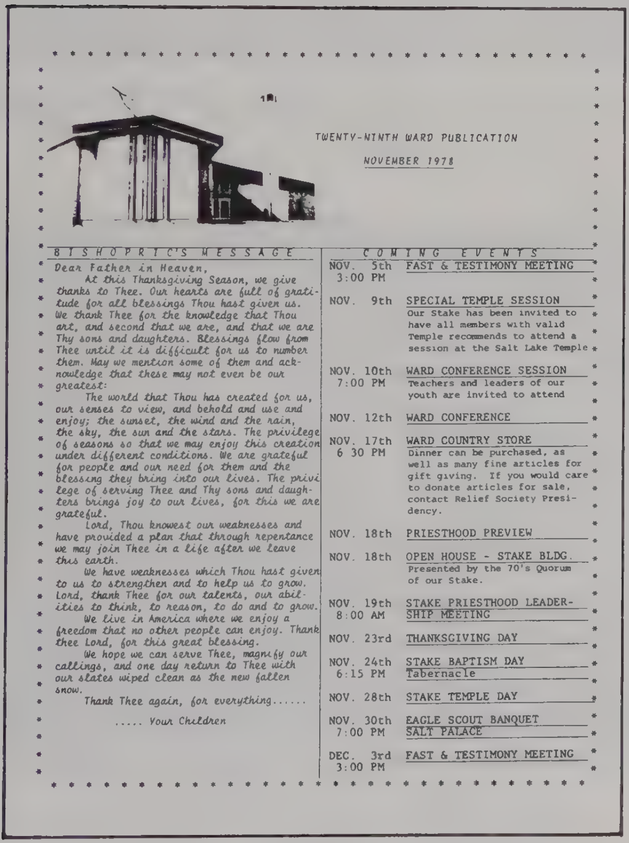

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BISHOPRIC'S MESSAGE

Dear Father in Heaven,

At this Thanksgiving Season, we give thanks to Thee. Our hearts are full of gratitude for all blessings Thou hast given us. We thank Thee for the knowledge that Thou art, and second that we are, and that we are Thy sons and daughters. Blessings flow from Thee until it is difficult for us to number them. May we mention some of them and acknowledge that these may not even be our greatest:

The world that Thou has created for us, our senses to view, and behold and use and enjoy; the sunset, the wind and the rain, the sky, the sun and the stars. The privilege of seasons so that we may enjoy this creation under different conditions. We are grateful for people and our need for them and the blessing they bring into our lives. The privilege of serving Thee and Thy sons and daughters brings joy to our lives, for this we are grateful.

Lord, Thou knowest our weaknesses and have provided a plan that through repentance we may join Thee in a life after we leave this earth.

We have weaknesses which Thou hast given to us to strengthen and to help us to grow. Lord, thank Thee for our talents, our abilities to think, to reason, to do and to grow.

We live in America where we enjoy a freedom that no other people can enjoy. Thank thee Lord, for this great blessing.

We hope we can serve Thee, magnify our callings, and one day return to Thee with our slates wiped clean as the new fallen snow.

Thank Thee again, for everything......

..... Your Children

COMING EVENTS

NOV. 5th 3:00 PM	FAST & TESTIMONY MEETING
NOV. 9th	SPECIAL TEMPLE SESSION Our Stake has been invited to have all members with valid Temple recommends to attend a session at the Salt Lake Temple
NOV. 10th 7:00 PM	WARD CONFERENCE SESSION Teachers and leaders of our youth are invited to attend
NOV. 12th	WARD CONFERENCE
NOV. 17th 6 30 PM	WARD COUNTRY STORE Dinner can be purchased, as well as many fine articles for gift giving. If you would care to donate articles for sale, contact Relief Society Presidency.
NOV. 18th	PRIESTHOOD PREVIEW
NOV. 18th	OPEN HOUSE - STAKE BLDG. Presented by the 70's Quorum of our Stake.
NOV. 19th 8:00 AM	STAKE PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP MEETING
NOV. 23rd	THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV. 24th 6:15 PM	STAKE BAPTISM DAY Tabernacle
NOV. 28th	STAKE TEMPLE DAY
NOV. 30th 7:00 PM	EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET SALT PALACE
DEC. 3rd 3:00 PM	FAST & TESTIMONY MEETING

29TH WARD NEWSPAPER

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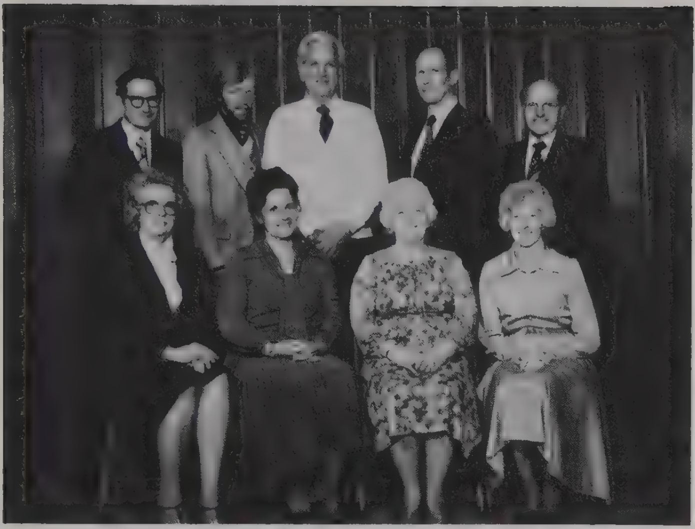
Jeanne Goff, Kathryn Westmoreland, Bernetta Barton, Afton Luker, Alva Sudweeks, Josie King, Juanita Farr, Jean Bills

NEW MEMBERS FROM ROSEDALE WARD



29TH WARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN STAKE POSITIONS
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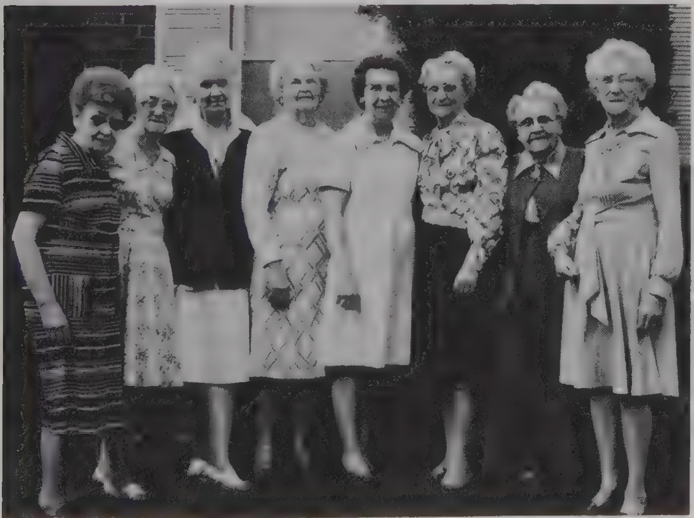
BACK: Richard Clifford, Paul Smith, Gilbert Farnsworth, Richard Whipple, Floyd Gowans



THE WIDOWS FAMILY HOME EVENING
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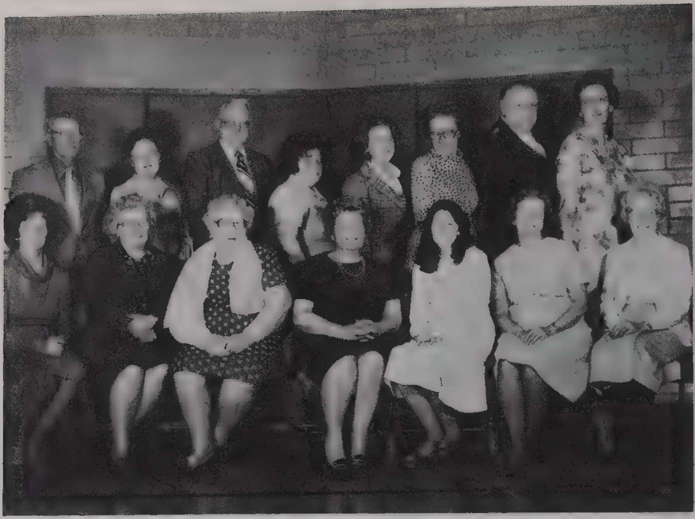
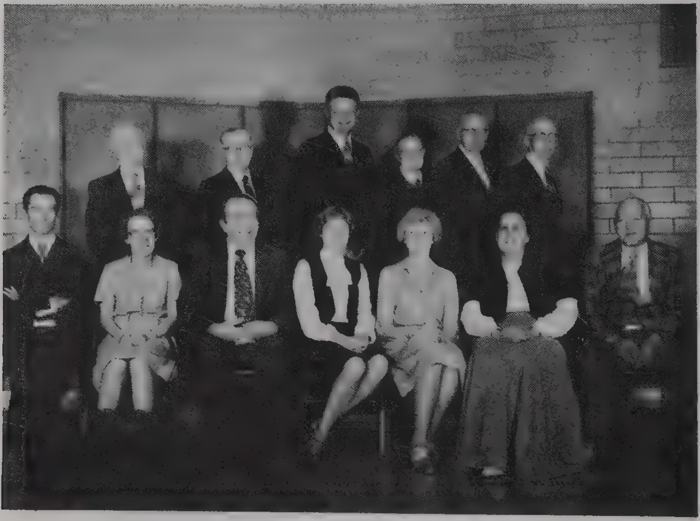


29TH WARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN STAKE POSITIONS

FRONT: Olivia Fesko, Donna Smith, Doris Provstgard, Lavern Bridge, Peggy Geurts, Zella Nesbitt, Afton Luker

BACK: Gerardus Kip, Kathryn Westmoreland, Ronald Coleman, Luella Coleman, LaDawn Luker, Mary Connary, Kalvin Johnson, Shirley Johnson



FRONT: Arthur Larsen, Mary Barraclough, Lucian T. Farr, Ramona L. Evans, Shannon Gowans, Lois Pettersson, Richard Syversen

BACK: Howard Luker, Irvin Luker, LeRoy Jensen, Thomas Pettersson, Fred W. Nelson, Fred J. B. Smith

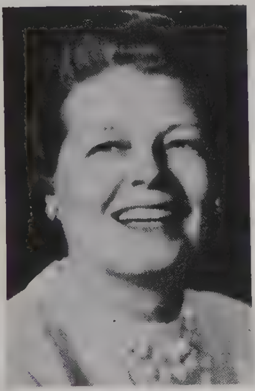
STAKE PRESIDENCIES FROM 29TH WARD

Glen S. Burt

Fawn Burt

John B. Matheson
Edna Matheson

Robert L. Bridge



Lavern Bridge

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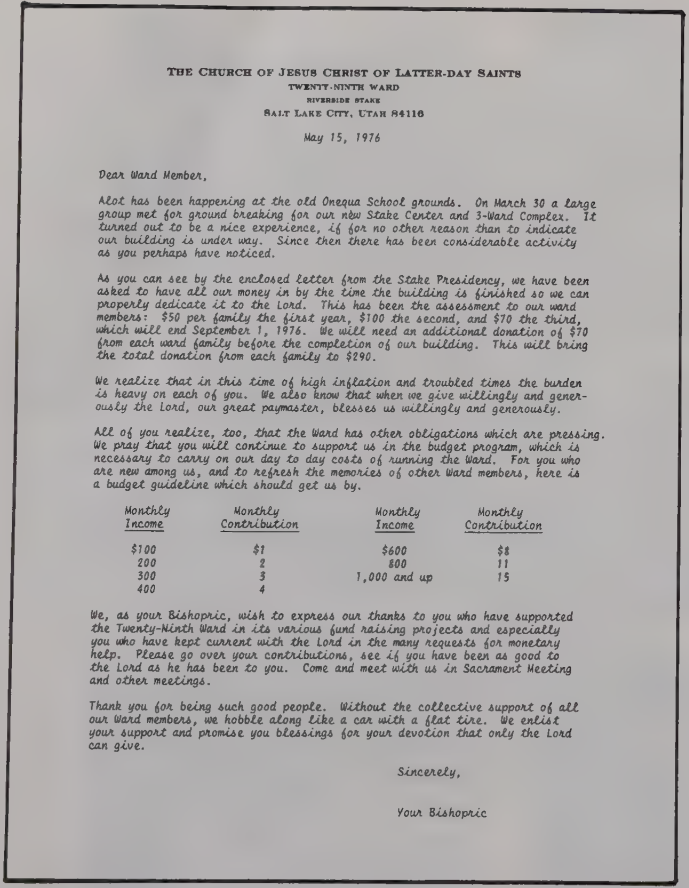
John B. Matheson
Stake Patriarch



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
TWENTY-NINTH WARD
RIVERSIDE STAKE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84116

May 15, 1976

Dear Ward Member,

Alot has been happening at the old Onequa School grounds. On March 30 a large group met for ground breaking for our new Stake Center and 3-Ward Complex. It turned out to be a nice experience, if for no other reason than to indicate our building is under way. Since then there has been considerable activity as you perhaps have noticed.

As you can see by the enclosed letter from the Stake Presidency, we have been asked to have all our money in by the time the building is finished so we can properly dedicate it to the Lord. This has been the assessment to our ward members: $50 per family the first year, $100 the second, and $70 the third, which will end September 1, 1976. We will need an additional donation of $70 from each ward family before the completion of our building. This will bring the total donation from each family to $290.

We realize that in this time of high inflation and troubled times the burden is heavy on each of you. We also know that when we give willingly and generously the Lord, our great paymaster, blesses us willingly and generously.

All of you realize, too, that the Ward has other obligations which are pressing. We pray that you will continue to support us in the budget program, which is necessary to carry on our day to day costs of running the Ward. For you who are new among us, and to refresh the memories of other Ward members, here is a budget guideline which should get us by.

Monthly Income	Monthly Contribution	Monthly Income	Monthly Contribution
$100	$1	$600	$8
200	2	800	11
300	3	1,000 and up	15
400	4		

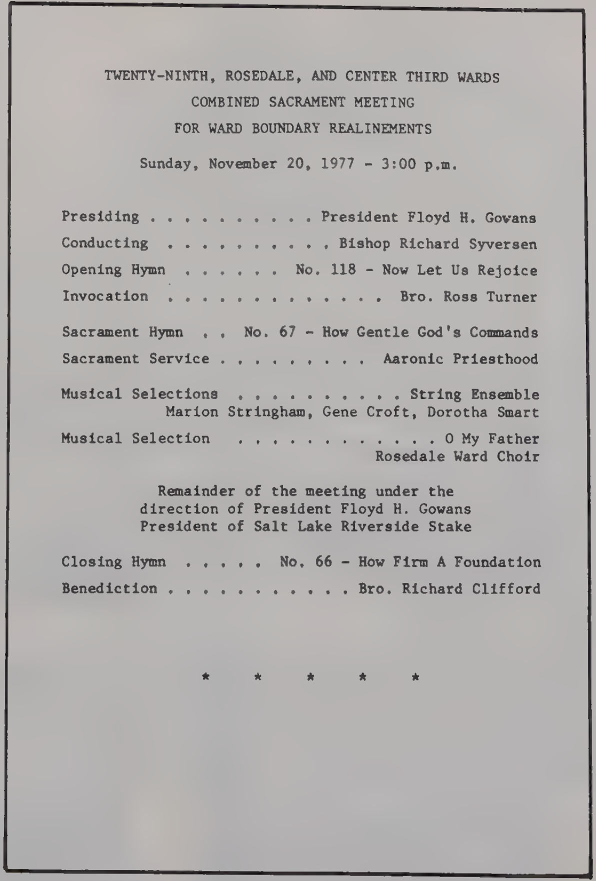
We, as your Bishopric, wish to express our thanks to you who have supported the Twenty-Ninth Ward in its various fund raising projects and especially you who have kept current with the Lord in the many requests for monetary help. Please go over your contributions, see if you have been as good to the Lord as he has been to you. Come and meet with us in Sacrament Meeting and other meetings.

Thank you for being such good people. Without the collective support of all our Ward members, we hobble along like a car with a flat tire. We enlist your support and promise you blessings for your devotion that only the Lord can give.

Sincerely,

Your Bishopric

LETTER TO WARD MEMBERS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



TWENTY-NINTH, ROSEDALE, AND CENTER THIRD WARDS
COMBINED SACRAMENT MEETING
FOR WARD BOUNDARY REALINEMENTS

Sunday, November 20, 1977 - 3:00 p.m.

Presiding . . . . President Floyd H. Gowans

Conducting . . . . Bishop Richard Syversen

Opening Hymn . . . . . . No. 118 - Now Let Us Rejoice

Invocation . . . . Bro. Ross Turner

Sacrament Hymn . . No. 67 - How Gentle God's Commands

Sacrament Service . . . . Aaronic Priesthood

Musical Selections . . . . String Ensemble
Marion Stringham, Gene Croft, Dorotha Smart

Musical Selection . . . . O My Father
Rosedale Ward Choir

Remainder of the meeting under the
direction of President Floyd H. Gowans
President of Salt Lake Riverside Stake

Closing Hymn . . . . . No. 66 - How Firm A Foundation

Benediction . . . . Bro. Richard Clifford

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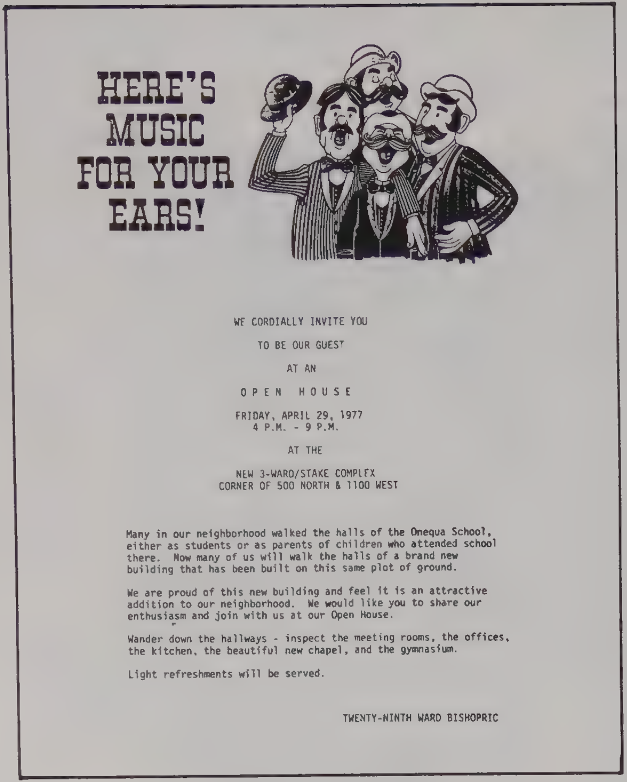
BOUNDARY REALINEMENTS MEETING



HERE'S MUSIC FOR YOUR EARS!

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU

TO BE OUR GUEST

AT AN

OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1977
4 P.M. - 9 P.M.

AT THE

NEW 3-WARD/STAKE COMPLEX
CORNER OF 500 NORTH & 1100 WEST

Many in our neighborhood walked the halls of the Onequa School, either as students or as parents of children who attended school there. Now many of us will walk the halls of a brand new building that has been built on this same plot of ground.

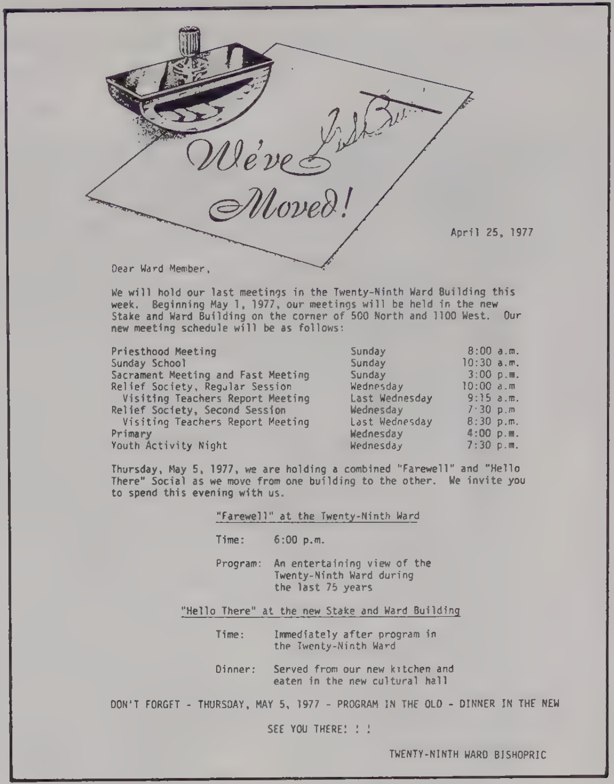
We are proud of this new building and feel it is an attractive addition to our neighborhood. We would like you to share our enthusiasm and join with us at our Open House.

Wander down the hallways - inspect the meeting rooms, the offices, the kitchen, the beautiful new chapel, and the gymnasium.

Light refreshments will be served.

TWENTY-NINTH WARD BISHOPRIC

WARD PROGRAM -
"MUSIC TO YOUR EARS"



We've Moved!

April 25, 1977

Dear Ward Member,

We will hold our last meetings in the Twenty-Ninth Ward Building this week. Beginning May 1, 1977, our meetings will be held in the new Stake and Ward Building on the corner of 500 North and 1100 West. Our new meeting schedule will be as follows:

Priesthood Meeting	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting and Fast Meeting	Sunday	3:00 p.m.
Relief Society, Regular Session	Wednesday	10:00 a.m
Visiting Teachers Report Meeting	Last Wednesday	9:15 a.m.
Relief Society, Second Session	Wednesday	7:30 p.m
Visiting Teachers Report Meeting	Last Wednesday	8:30 p.m.
Primary	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.
Youth Activity Night	Wednesday	7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 5, 1977, we are holding a combined "Farewell" and "Hello There" Social as we move from one building to the other. We invite you to spend this evening with us.

"Farewell" at the Twenty-Ninth Ward

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Program: An entertaining view of the Twenty-Ninth Ward during the last 75 years

"Hello There" at the new Stake and Ward Building

Time: Immediately after program in the Twenty-Ninth Ward

Dinner: Served from our new kitchen and eaten in the new cultural hall

DON'T FORGET - THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1977 - PROGRAM IN THE OLD - DINNER IN THE NEW

SEE YOU THERE! ! !

TWENTY-NINTH WARD BISHOPRIC

WARD PROGRAM - "WE'VE MOVED

STAKE
BUILDING
COMMITTEE

FRONT:
Fred Peck, President Floyd H. Gowans, President Thomas L. Hall, President William R. Rowley, Leon M. Pederson
BACK:
Willie Holland,Bobbie Lee Oviatt,Bishop Homer G. Birdsall,Bishop Ralph Donley, Bishop Lucian T. Farr,Bishop Laurence Mortensen

ONEQUA SCHOOL

Leon Pederson, Floyd Gowans,
President Thomas L. Hall, William Rowley

Willie Holland, Donald Dillingham,
Fred Smith

FORMER CHAPEL

STAKE HALL

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Salt Lake Riverside Stake
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY -- SALT LAKE RIVERSIDE STAKE CENTER AND THREE WARD COMPLEX

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1976 - 6:00 P.M. 500 North and 1100 West

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN .... "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"	THOMAS BENSON, CONDUCTING FLORENCE LEES, ORGANIST
INVOCATION	BOBBIE LEE OVIATT Building Committee
CHOIR SELECTION	RIVERSIDE WARD CHOIR
WELCOME & RECOGNITIONS	PRESIDENT THOMAS L. HALL
REMARKS	PRESIDENT FLOYD H. GOWANS
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES	PRESIDENT WILLIAM P. ROWLEY
CHOIR SELECTION .... "BLESSTHIS HOUSE"	16th – 28th WARD CHOIR
SPECIAL PRAYER	PRESIDENT LESTER J. LEES Stake Patriarch
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN ...... "LET US ALL PRESS ON"	
BENEDICTION	BISHOP RALPH DONLEY Building Committee

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY - NEW CHAPEL

WORKERS

NEW CHAPEL CONSTRUCTION

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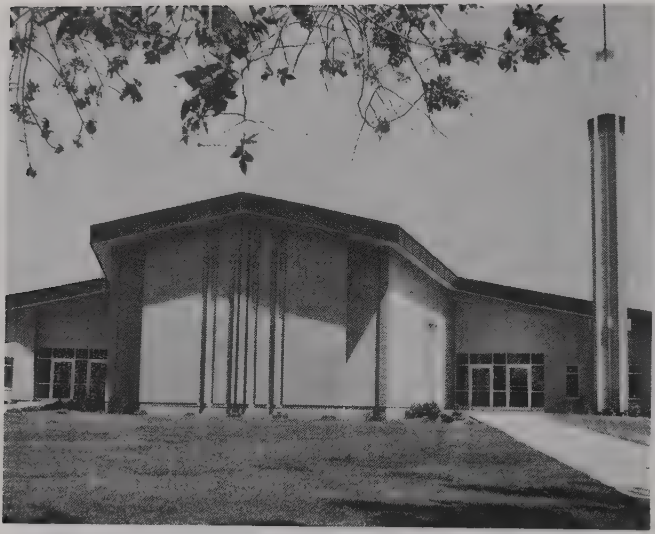

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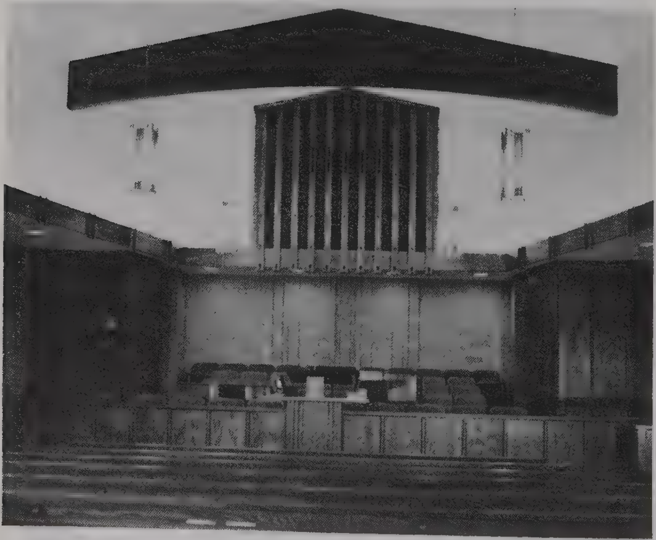

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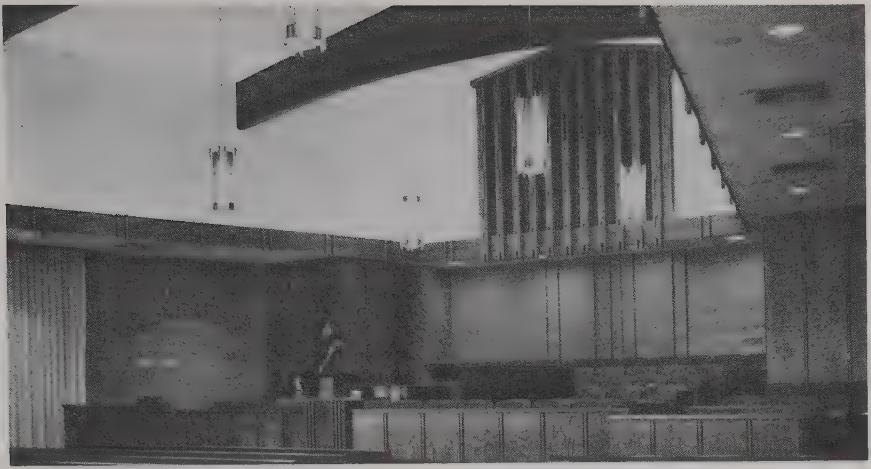

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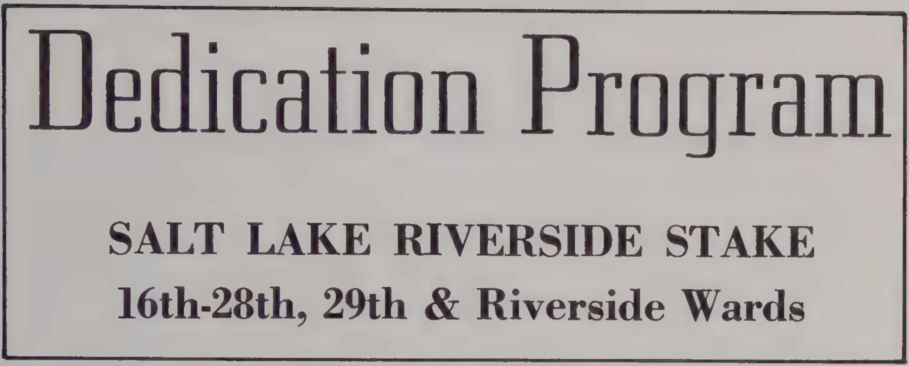
CUSTODIANS

Albert Hansen
Olive Hansen

Donald Dillingham
Ada Dillingham

CLASSROOM

CULTURAL HALL

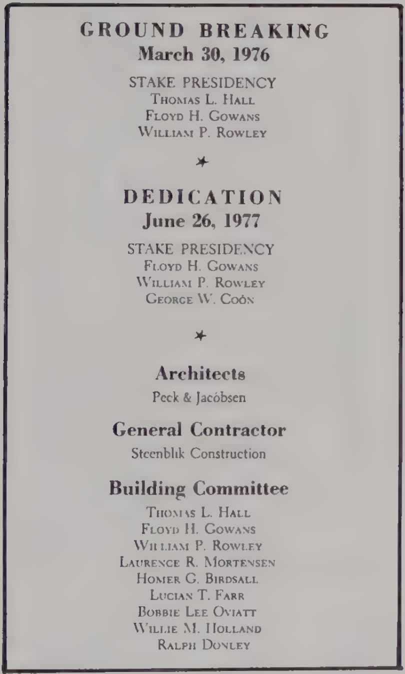


Dedication Program

SALT LAKE RIVERSIDE STAKE

16th-28th, 29th & Riverside Wards

DEDICATION PROGRAM



GROUND BREAKING
March 30, 1976

STAKE PRESIDENCY
Thomas L. Hall
Floyd H. Gowans
William P. Rowley

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DEDICATION
June 26, 1977

STAKE PRESIDENCY
Floyd H. Gowans
William P. Rowley
George W. Coon

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Architects
Peck & Jacobsen

General Contractor
Steenblik Construction

Building Committee
Thomas L. Hall
Floyd H. Gowans
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Homer G. Birdsall
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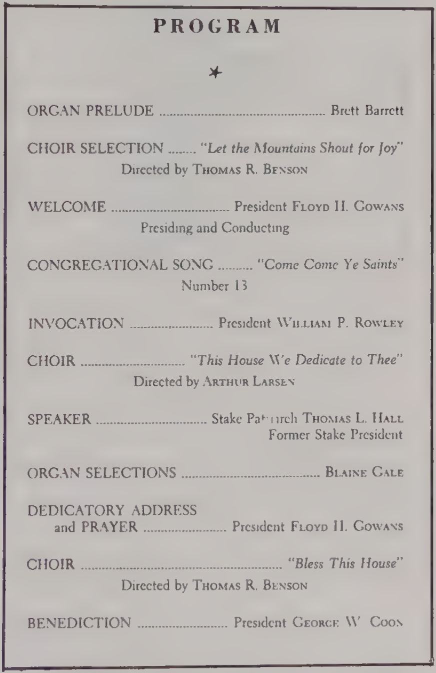

PROGRAM

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ORGAN PRELUDE .... Brett Barrett

CHOIR SELECTION .... *"Let the Mountains Shout for Joy"*
Directed by Thomas R. Benson

WELCOME .... President Floyd H. Gowans
Presiding and Conducting

CONGREGATIONAL SONG .... *"Come Come Ye Saints"*
Number 13

INVOCATION .... President William P. Rowley

CHOIR .... *"This House We Dedicate to Thee"*
Directed by Arthur Larsen

SPEAKER .... Stake Patriarch Thomas L. Hall
Former Stake President

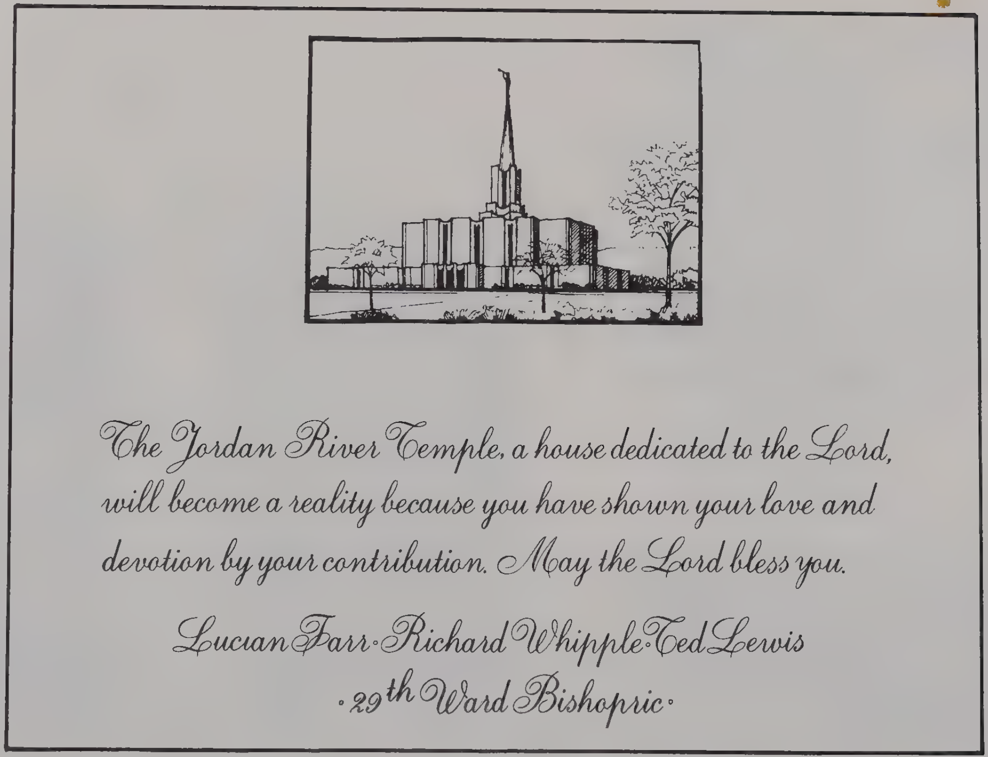
ORGAN SELECTIONS .... Blaine Gale

DEDICATORY ADDRESS
and PRAYER .... President Floyd H. Gowans

CHOIR .... *"Bless This House"*
Directed by Thomas R. Benson

BENEDICTION .... President George W Coon

DEDICATION PROGRAM



The Jordan River Temple, a house dedicated to the Lord, will become a reality because you have shown your love and devotion by your contribution. May the Lord bless you.

Lucian Farr · Richard Whipple · Ted Lewis
· 29th Ward Bishopric ·

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE

THE LIVES OF OUR BISHOPS

Missionaries are often heard to say,"I went to the best mission," and this is as it should be.

So likewise as 29th Ward members, we find we have been blessed with some of the finest bishops in the Church, brethren who are great spiritual individuals, whose testimonies of the Gospel are strong, and who honor the priesthood they bear. They have been dedicated and committed to the work of the Lord; and as the Savior commissioned Peter, "Feed my sheep," (John 21:16) this they have done in humility and with compassion and love for their fellowmen.

We appreciate them, respect, and love them for what they have done for us as our priesthood leaders, for the time they have given so willingly in furthering the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard that we,too, may enjoy the fruits of their labors. We are grateful to their dear wives and families who have supported them wholeheartedly in their callings and for their unselfish service wherever it was needed.

No one but a bishop and his wife and family can know the countless hours of devotion and service that is required to fulfill this holy calling in the priesthood. It is a sacred calling, and with it comes great responsibilities to guide and help direct the lives of all members who live within the confines of the ward over which he presides and to encourage all people to do good. He is the priesthood authority within that area, and we find in the Doctrine and Covenants many duties that are required of a bishop.

It states in Section 107, verses 69-71:

> "Nevertheless a bishop must be chosen from the High Priesthood, unless he is a literal descendant of Aaron; For unless he is a literal descendant of Aaron he cannot hold the keys of that priesthood. Nevertheless, a high priest, that is, after the order of Melchizedek, may be

> set apart unto the ministering of temporal things, having a knowledge of them by the Spirit of Truth."

Also, the Lord has told us that we are to: "Judge not, that ye be not judged," (Matthew 7:1) but the responsibility of the bishop as given in the Doctrine and Covenants is:

> "To be a judge in Isreal, to do the business of the Church, to sit in judgment upon transgressors upon testimony as it shall be laid before him according to the laws, by the assistance of his counselors, whom he has chosen or will choose among the elders of the Church." (D&C 107:72)

He is to care for the poor, to see that those in need receive that which is for their well being. This, of course, must be with the help of others, as it is too great for one individual to do. As President Marion G. Romney stated in his talk at the General Welfare meeting in September, 1978;

> "Few, if any, of the Lord's instructions are stated more often or given more emphasis in the scriptures than is the commandment that we members of His Church take care of the poor".
> (Ensign November 1978,Pg.88)

However, the bishop directs the Welfare Program in his ward.

He presides over the priests quorum, and he is responsible for the Aaronic Priesthood as well as girls of comparable ages. He is interested in the welfare of every member of his ward, interviews and recommends individuals for missionary service, interviews members for temple recommends, presides over the auxiliary organizations, and many other responsibilities too numerous to mention. One can easily realize the tremendous assignment that the Lord has given to a bishop.

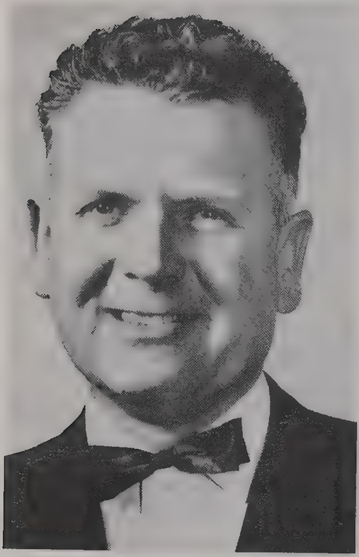
Some of the best advice we can receive is what Elder Robert L. Simpson, a member of the First Quorum of Seventy, has given us:

> "We should listen to our bishop. Who loves us more than our bishop? Here is a man who has been ordained and set apart to help us specifically as a member of his ward. We should sustain our bishop and follow his suggestions for he is counseling us and giving us the advice that we need. He is giving us opportunities for service for our growth and for our development and for those things which will equip us for the incidents that lie ahead."
>
> (PROVEN PATHS, page 27)

We must likewise recognize the responsibilities of the counselors to the bishop, his clerks, and the executive secretary. His counselors do just that, counsel with him on matters pertaining to the ward; and together they work as a team, but when a decision is made, the bishop makes that final decision, and he is to be sustained by all. His counselors have responsibilities assigned to them under his direction. The clerks keep a record as they have been instructed by the Lord of both the financial, statistical, and historical matters; and upon their shoulders is the obligation of record keeping which is also recorded in Heaven. The executive secretary is a position named in recent years, and he gives great assistance to the bishop in important matters.

How grateful we can be that our Father in Heaven has provided for us these faithful brethren to carry on the work in His Kingdom--also, the devoted officers and teachers and others who fulfill their callings whose desire is to serve faithfully. President Clark once said that it matters not what position we hold as long as we fulfill it to the best of our ability. The Lord will direct His Church through His servants, and all are important to complete that which needs to be done. President Kimball emphasized this at the Welfare Session of the General Conference on September 30, 1978:

> "...with all of us consecrating our lives to the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth."



Thomas M. Thomson

Gladys Thomson

The Thomson Family

THOMAS MARSHALL THOMSON, JR.

Thomas Marshall Thomson, Jr. was born October 25, 1922, in Salt Lake City, the oldest in a family of three sons. His parents were Thomas Marshall, Sr., and Gladys Kingdon Thomson. As a small child, Thomas was very sickly, and the doctor had expressed doubts that he would live. He feels that the faith of his parents was instrumental in his recovery. The family lived at 1410 McClelland Avenue, and Thomas attended the Emerson School through the third grade, and then the family moved to 469 North Fourth West and became members of the Twenty-eighth Ward. He then attended the Jackson School and later graduated from West High School in June of 1940.

Tom remembers with pleasure the many vacations and family outings he enjoyed with his parents and brothers. They often went fishing, and he remembers one night when he slept on the ground, outside the cabin, in his sleeping bag. He awoke next morning to find that they were on the property of an energetic farmer who had irrigated during the night, and Tom and his sleeping bag were floating like Moses in the bulrushes. Another time the family had driven until after dark, and being very tired, just pulled off the side of the road, spread their blankets, and retired to sleep. They were uncomfortable and disturbed by the bumpiness of the ground, and noticed a strange aroma about the place. They awoke the next morning to find they had chosen to spend the night at the city dumps.

Tom began to study piano when he was a child. He continued his studies for twelve years, and often appeared on recital programs. He served as priesthood organist for many years and has always enjoyed playing the piano.

It was while attending high school that Tom met his future wife, Gladys Gilbert. They say that their romance began in the back of a truck. Riding home from a Seminary canyon party, he first met and became interested in this dark haired, attractive girl. They had a pleasant but not uneventful courtship. Tom had an aged Chevrolet that figured prominently in his dates with Gladys. Once a door came off, and she nearly fell out; another time, they were driving to Brighton, and the battery fell out. Tom, capable of meeting any emergency, looked around until he found an old piece of wire, wired the battery firmly into place, and they continued up the canyon. Gladys often joined the family on their fishing trips. She learned to like fishing, but baiting a hook with worms was always distasteful. One time Tom came upon Gladys and his mother daintily using Kleenex to hold the worm until they could get it on the hook.

After a three-year courtship, Tom and Gladys were married on May 1, 1942 in the Salt Lake Temple. Upon returning from their honeymoon in the Southern Utah Parks, they established their home at 564 Greenlawn Place in the Sixteenth Ward. In December of 195 the family moved to 542 North Thirteenth West. Five children have blessed this union: Kathleen Ann (now Mrs. Alan Jay Parker), May 9, 1943; Thomas Gilbert (wife Karen McDermaid), April 30, 1945; Debora Diane (now Mrs. S. David Plummer), April 20, 1951; Gary Gilbert (wife Ina Mae Muir), April 28, 1954; and Jeffrey Gilbert, January 23, 1961. The father, who has a fine sense of humor, has always enjoyed making up funny names for these children. Gladys felt she had to make a special effort to make them aware of the names they were blessed with before they went to school.

While Tom was attending High School, he worked part time for the Super Lube Oil Company. In October of 1939, he started to work for the Bamberger Railroad. He learned many phases of railroading and eventually became traffic manager. While working at the railroad, he belonged to the Ogden Chamber of Commerce, the Transportation Club of Salt Lake, the Railroad General Agent's Association, and the Quarterback Club. This employment ended when the company went out of business in 1959. He then went to work with his father and brother at the Thomson Ornamental Iron and Sheet Metal Works.

While in the 16th Ward, Thomas Thomson was a member of an Elders Quorum presidency, a counselor in YMMIA, and assistant financial clerk. In the 29th Ward, he has also served as counselor in Mutual and with the change of stake boundaries in 1950, he was called to the Mutual stake board. On January 8, 1956, he became superintendent of the Riverside Stake YMMIA and held that position until he was called to be bishop of the 29th Ward on October 18, 1959. Lowell Leishman and Dwain Morrill were chosen as counselors, and Charles Pettersson remained as ward clerk. On October 29, 1961, Earl Matheson was called into the bishopric as second counselor after Lowell Leishman had been released to become a stake missionary. Richard Westmoreland, Ronald Long, and LaMar Nielson have served as financial clerks, and Albert Hansen as the ward teaching clerk.

This bishopric gave the people of the 29th Ward a vigorous and dynamic administration. They were a hard-working group and spared no effort to keep the ward functioning well.

Bishop Thomson's wife likewise has been very active in the Church. She was born in the little town of Whitney, Idaho on April 8, 1923, the second child of Truman Dana and Laura Matilda Nielson Gilbert. She has one sister, Fawn (Mrs. Albert E.(Gene) Mendenhall), two sets of twin brothers, Carl and Paul and Robert and Richard. Paul passed away at the age of one of spinal meningitis.

They enjoyed a close family life. When she was two years old, they moved to Salt Lake; and at five, they lived in Rock Springs, Wyoming for six months, and then back to Salt Lake City. She attended the Washington Elementary School, Horace Mann Jr. High School and West High School, graduating in 1941.

She began work in the Primary in the 16th Ward in 1943. In 1948, she was called as a counselor and also ward librarian. When they moved to their new home, it was necessary to release her from her present positions in the 16th Ward on February 11, 1951.

Gladys worked in the 29th Ward Primary as a teacher and was called to the Primary Stake Board as a teacher on April 13, 1952, and later served as stake secretary of the Primary Board when the stakes were divided and merged with East Riverside Stake November 2, 1955. She also served as second counselor under two different presidents in the Riverside Stake

Primary.After being transferred to the Rosedale Ward,she was second counselor in Primary, Cultural Refinement Leader in Relief Society,president of the ward YWMIA,president of the ward Relief Society, and at the present time has been called to teach the Cultural Refinement lesson again.

Bishop Thomson has always loved sports. He entered tennis tournaments while he was still a youth, and he has played M-Men basketball and softball. He was a member of the team that played in the All-Church tournaments in the years 1955 and 1956. In 1958 this team won fourth place in the All-Church finals. Bishop Thomson has been in a bowling league since 1940 and also plays golf. He enjoys fishing and hunting; he and his son, Thom can frequently be found in the mountains during deer season or in a duck blind in the marshes as they go out for fowl. His wife thinks they are very successful hunters, and the Thomson table is always supplied with wild game. On the quiet side, he enjoys working with a large stamp collection. During the last thirty years he has gathered more than 100,000 different stamps from all over the world. He has found satisfaction in genealogical work and hopes someday to complete his records. He has some outstanding Books of Remembrance. He enjoys playing duets with his children and likes to have company drop in. He is a fine host and likes to entertain his friends.

The 29th Ward has always had fine, sincere, devoted men as their leaders. Each one has made a different contribution to the ward, and each contribution has added to the richness of the community spirit. Each bishopric with their selfless devotion have earned the love and respect of the members of the ward. Bishop Thomson and his counselors carried on this fine tradition, and their many hours of service to the people did not go unappreciated.

When it became necessary to make changes in the boundaries of the ward, this bishopric was released with honor on September 22, 1963 for the work they had done in their callings.

Doyle D. Richards

Merlene Richards

The Richards Family

As the saying goes, *"It was the Rosedale Ward's gain and the 29th Ward's loss"* to have these and many other fine members transferred to a new ward.

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DOYLE D. RICHARDS

On October 19, 1917, a son was born to Daniel D. and Violet Rosequist Richards at Spring Canyon, Carbon County, Utah; they named the boy, Doyle Daniel Richards. Doyle's father was a coal miner in Spring Canyon and had to face the dangers and uncertainties of the mining profession; he was often forced to move elsewhere to find work.

When Doyle was a small child of three years, a very serious accident befell him. He was crossing a street and became frightened at an approaching car; and in his haste to get away, he fell, and the handle of a small toy shovel he was carrying, pierced his eye. The accident caused serious hemorrhaging, and Doyle appeared to be blind in both eyes. The distraught parents took the child to Salt LakeCity for medical help and learned that the retina in the right eye had been torn loose, completely eliminating the sight. After three weeks, fortunately, the sight returned to his left eye, and he quickly made the necessary adjustments to this new condition. Throughout his life, he has been able to do just about all of the things that other men have done.

After Doyle had completed the third grade, the family moved to Price where they remained for two years; later, Mr. Richards found employment in Ogden, and Doyle finished his elementary education in that city. By the time he had reached high school age, they were back again in Spring

Canyon, and he attended Carbon High in Price. Doyle played the trumpet, and during the school years, he was very active in musical affairs.The Carbon High School sponsored band contests each summer, and forty or fifty bands from schools in Utah, and some from surrounding states, would come to Price for one week in the summer. This was always an exciting occasion in the small city, and the townspeople were much interested and entertained by the musical events. The town was alive with visitors, and the competition was keen. Doyle played in the high school band and was also a member of a brass sextette; both of these groups won many honors. He was also a member of a ten-piece dance orchestra, and this group played every Saturday night at the Silver Moon Dance Hall and frequently at other small towns nearby.

Doyle had pursued a business course in high school and after graduation, he worked as a bookkeeper in a service station in Price. In high school, he met a girl named Merline Grange, and these two were a part of a very successful M-Men and Gleaner class. Albert Noorda (a former member of the 29th Ward) and his wife were the teachers, and the class had an attendance of seventy-five. At one time, Doyle was stake president of the M-Men's group, and Merline held the same office for the Gleaners. At this time, Doyle and Merline were just friends and had no other social contact than the classwork.

Doyle soon changed employment and became the budget manager for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; he first worked in Ogden -- where his parents were living -- then he was transferred to Provo where he "batched" with a friend. His Church records had not been transferred to Provo, and he soon received a call from the Ogden 4th Ward to fill a mission. He left in 1940 for the Spanish-American Mission where he served in Laredo, El Paso, and McAllen. President Jones, who headed the mission after Doyle left had heard a story of the persistence of Elder Richards, and he was fond of telling it to the missionaries. A sister in the mission told that she had answered her door one day to find two Mormon missionaries standing on her porch. She told them she was satisfied with her own religion and did not want to be bothered with their message. Elder Richards replied, "You don't have what we have, and you need it." He was so persistent that the sister finally listened and later joined the Church. Elder Richards, with his dark hair and coloring, acquired a deep suntan in the hot Texas sun. He was amused when some of the missionaries attending a conference asked who the new member was.

He returned to Ogden in the summer of 1943. The war was in full swing, and Doyle's parents felt that with one blind eye, he would be exempt from military duty. This was not the case; and he was very quickly inducted, trained at Fort Frances E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and shipped to France. He was attached to a laundry unit that served a field hospital. Although he did not see close battle action, he was in a battle area five times and was awarded five battle stars.With the collapse of the European theater of war, he was allowed to come home in August of 1945 for a thirty-day furlough before his unit was deployed to the Pacific where the fighting still continued.

By this time, Merline Grange had returned from her mission in the Northern States where she had been a member of the "Mormon Ladies Sextette" and had moved to Ogden to stay with her sister-in-law while her brother was in the service.Merline was employed in the camera repair division at Hill Field. Through her supervisor, who lived in the same ward as the Richards, Doyle learned of Merline's presence in Ogden and called her, and after the years that had passed since high school days, these two met again. They had many dates during the furlough and were very happy when Japan surrendered during that month, making it possible for Doyle to return to civilian life soon. He was sent to Fort Warren to be mustered out, and during his three months' stay there, he and Merline corresponded regularly. By this time, they had decided to marry, and one week after he returned home, on December 19,1945, the wedding took place in the Salt Lake Temple.

They wanted to choose a new place to live and came to Salt Lake to begin their married life.With so many young couples looking for housing right after the war, finding a place to live was difficult. They lived first at 1103 Third Avenue in a small apartment, but the landlord did not allow children in his homes, so they were forced to find a new place after the first baby was born in 1946. In January of 1947, they moved to two small rooms at 1498 South 7th East, but were still looking for more permanent quarters. Their recommends had not followed them, and they attended the Spanish Branch during the first part of their stay in Salt Lake City. On Washington's birthday, they were riding around the city and saw some homes being built on Ouray Avenue; they made arrangements to buy one but were unable to move into it until August of that year. They eventually remodeled it to fit their needs as seven more children were born to them.

Rebecca was the first child to bless this family, and she was born on October 7, 1946; Daniel David came on July 20, 1948; Diana was born February 21, 1950; Suzanne, October 29, 1951; Louise, May 26, 1953; Ruth, February 14, 1955; Donald Lynne, November 5, 1956; and Thomas Dwain came on May 9, 1958. The Richards have maintained a close family relationship with their children.

When Doyle first came to Salt Lake City, he found employment at Hill Field Air Force Base; and after six months, he left that position to work for Bonneville Western Household and Hardware Company. He stayed with this firm for nine years and was grateful for the varied experience he had there.He first became credit manager, then learned something about buying, and the last three years with the firm he spent in selling. He then felt capable of starting his own business, called the Richards Distributing Company. He conducted the business from a small store on Tenth West where he also had a retail outlet for paint. The business is no longer there and are now at two locations; 7127 South 400

West and 59 South 600 West.

Since coming to the 29th Ward, Doyle served as secretary to the Aaronic Priesthood and then as assistant ward clerk when Bishop Burt was in office. He remained as assistant ward clerk to Bishop Luker, and then became ward clerk when Theron Smith moved away. On July 10, 1953, he was sustained as counselor to Bishop Luker, and he also served as first counselor to Bishop Partridge. After the release of that group in 1959, he was called to the High Council and in August of 1961, he became the first counselor to the stake mission president. On September 22, 1963, he was chosen to become the bishop of the 29th Ward. He selected as his counselors, Floyd Hill Gowans and Franklin Earl Matheson. Later, John Reed Babcock was called as 2nd Counselor when Earl moved from the ward, and then Reed was sustained as first counselor when Floyd was called into the stake mission presidency, and Ronald J. Long as 2nd counselor. His ward clerk was Charles Pettersson and then Jay A. Schneider when Charles was released; and as assistant ward clerks, Franklin L. McKean (Finance); Albert S. Hansen; Richard H. Westmoreland (received Home Teaching assignment as clerk 7/18/65); N. Owen Catmull (welfare) and later as financial clerk when Franklin L. McKean was released; and Glen S. Burt as secretary of the Priesthood Executive Committee.

These brethren, along with other ward co-workers, led the ward in a spiritual atmosphere and made great accomplishments during the time they served. There were many ward events held and some general Church procedures changed and historical occurrences. Some were: A ward history had been started under the direction of Bishop Thomsen and this was completed in 1963, shortly after Bishop Richards had taken office, and distributed in 1964. We had a beautiful float in the Days of '47 Parade in 1964; and in 1966, our ward sold snow cones at this annual celebration. A special outing never to be forgotten to the BYU in 1966 was held for the Aaronic Priesthood in commoration of the restoration of this priesthood. Some remodeling was done in the ward building which was greatly appreciated.

The Church instigated a new Home Teaching Program; and in 1965, the Family Home Evening was started as such, even though it had always been encouraged, and manuals were published to be used by the families. Another beautiful temple was dedicated, the Oakland Temple, in November of 1964.

From this brief resume, one can see that Bishop Richards, his counselors, clerks and leaders were carrying on the great work of the Lord.

Bishop Richards' wife was likewise a very active Latter-day Saint all of her life. She was born in Huntington, Utah on July 30, 1919, a daughter of Wallace G. and Vernessa Tullis Grange. She has taught in MIA, Sunday School, Primary, and Relief Society. She was on the Carbon Stake MIA Board, counselor in the 29th Ward Primary, president of the 29th Ward MIA; and since moving from the ward, has been president of the Taylorsville 2nd and 17th Ward Relief Society, counselor in the Taylorsville West Stake Relief Society, and counselor in the Taylorsville 17th Ward Relief Society.

This is indeed a missionary family for six of their eight children, plus Doyle and Merline have fulfilled missions for the Church, giving a total of 202 months in missionary service. Doyle served in the Spanish-American Mission and Riverside Stake Mission; Merline in the Northern States; Becky in Uruguay; Daniel in North Carolina-Virginia; Suzanne in Chile; Ruth in Santa Monica Stake Mission; Donald in Arizone Tempe; and Thomas in England Birmingham. What a record for a choice family.

Because their home became too small for their family, they moved to Taylorsville which necessitated Bishop Richards' release on July 30, 1967; and of course, they were missed greatly. Bishop Richards was a friendly person, had kindly ways, a ready smile, and a pleasant sense of humor. His aim in office was to stress the spiritual side of the Gospel rather than to strive for statistical achievement. He felt that the great purpose of the Gospel

Floyd H. Gowans

Shannon Gowans

The Gowans Family

was to teach people to live as Christians, and if that kind of spirituality can be obtained, statistics will take care of themselves.

This family was loved and respected by all, and it was a great shock when we learned of his tragic death on September 15, 1973, when he was hit by a falling tree while he and his three sons, Daniel, Donald and Tom, were cutting firewood in the canyon. At the time of his death, he was on the high council of the Taylorsville West Stake, still faithful in the service of our Father in Heaven. The 29th Ward will always be grateful for the love and devotion of this ideal family.

(Note: Our thanks and appreciation to those who compiled the previous history book for what was used in this article from that book, plus a few changes and additional information that was necessary to complete it, inasmuch as Bishop Richards had just been sustained when that book went to press.)

FLOYD HILL GOWANS

August 19, 1929 was a great day in the lives of Floyd D. and Rachel Gowans for their first child, a son, was born to them in a little house in Tooele, Utah. The happy parents named their little infant son, Floyd Hill Gowans.

When Floyd was just four months old, the family moved to Erie, Pennsylvania where he was to spend the next nineteen years of his life. Floyd attended the local schools, eventually graduating from Academy High School in Erie. He grew up in a small branch of the Church which did not have a Primary or Mutual, but his parents were faithful members and leaders in the branch, so Floyd had a great example to follow, and he developed a strong testimony of the Gospel. He had many opportunities for service as the number of members were few. He was secretary of the Sunday School for many years and president of his Aaronic Priesthood quorum.

After high school graduation, Floyd attended

Gannon College for a year and then out to Provo, Utah for a year at BYU before his mission call to Northern California. He served in Fresno and the Bay Area. Here his testimony grew as did his knowledge of the Gospel.

At the end of his mission, Floyd again returned to Utah and the BYU where he decided to major in Political Science and from there on to Law School. It was at the beginning of his Senior year that he met his future wife, Shannon Hepworth. She was a Freshman and was born in Brigham City, Utah and raised in Star Valley, Wyoming. They went together for about six months, enjoying college life and then decided to enjoy the rest of their lives together; so on April 1, 1953, they became engaged and were married June 9, 1953, in the Salt Lake Temple, the day after his graduation. After their marriage, they lived in the North 13th Ward of the University Stake.

Floyd attended Law School for the next three years at the University of Utah, graduating in 1956. By this time, they were proud parents of two little boys, Floyd and Robert. It was in August of 1956 that they bought their first home, and it was in the 29th Ward.

Both Floyd and Shannon were immediately called to serve in the ward -- a great blessing to them and the ward. Floyd served as Sunday School superintendent and instructor for the elders quorum. After that, he was called into the stake Young Men's MIA. By this time, he was working for Salt Lake City as Prosecuting Attorney, and by 1959, two little girls were added to the family; Carol and Susan. Susan, however, passed away when only three months old.

In 1961, Floyd was called to serve in the Stake Mission presidency as counselor to Thomas L. Hall. At the end of two years, he was called to the bishopri as counselor to Bishop Doyle Richards. Now another girl, Eileen, was added to the family.

Floyd was in the bishopric for three years when he was called to the high council. Robert L. Bridge was then the stake president. One year later,Bishop Richards and his family moved from the ward, and

Floyd was ordained the new bishop. His counselors were Ronald Long and Fred J. B. Smith, with Jay Schneider as clerk. This calling lasted only seven weeks, as President Bridge became ill and passed away. When the stake was reorganized, Thomas L. Hall was called as stake president, and he asked for Floyd to be his counselor. He served in this capacity for nine years.

By now, the Gowans had completed their family with the addition of three more boys, James,Joseph, and Michael. They had also moved from their first home on Twelfth West to a larger one on Simondi Avenue. As Church and family responsibilities were increased, so were professional responsibilities as Floyd was appointed to the bench as a City Judge in 1969. Since then the court system has changed to a Circuit Court System, and he is now employed by the State of Utah.

In October of 1976, President Hall was released, and Floyd was called in his place as president of Riverside Stake -- a position he still holds and is a very humbling experience. We truly feel blessed to have him serve in this capacity.

He is constant and true to his convictions in directing the work of the Lord in our stake. He is a strong, kind leader, giving us great counsel and advice as to living the commandments of our Father in Heaven; and his desire is to help each individual member to achieve their potential and someday be counted worthy to return to our Father's Kingdom.

While Floyd was very busy fulfilling all of his Church assignments, Shannon likewise was contributing a great deal of service in her callings in the Church. She taught Jr. Sunday School and Primary. After teaching Primary for a year, she then served as secretary for three years, followed by being a counselor to Donna Johnson for two years. In 1962, she became president of the Primary and was released from this position in 1964 to have their sixth baby. A few months later she was called to serve as Primary counselor, and in 1966 to teach the Guide Patrol and was also teaching the Social

Relations class in Relief Society.

She served on the Relief Society stake board as the Cultural Refinement leader in 1968, and she said:

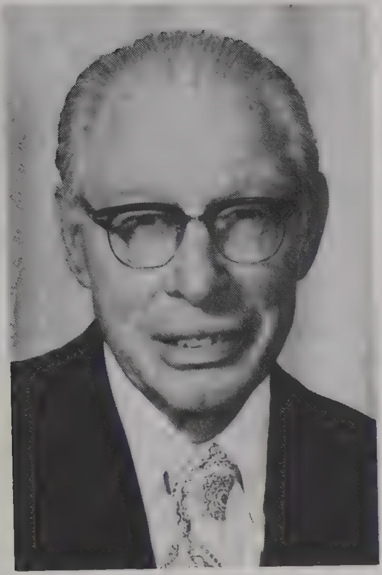
> "I always considered myself the 'best-rounded' member of the ward, because on weekends I'd go on a field trip with the Scouts and during the week become 'culturally refined' again."

In 1969, she fulfilled the position as counselor to Fay Nielson in Primary. From August, 1970 to August, 1975, she held the great responsibility as Relief Society president (see Relief Society section as to the accomplishments of service during these years).

After being released from this position, she became president of the Young Women. Two years later, she was called to the Stake Mutual YW presidency; and about six months later, all stake presidencies were changed, and she was then called to the stake board of the Relief Society as Visiting Teacher Message leader, which position she currently holds, along with being ward chorister, ward choir director and a member of the Cub Scout Committee.

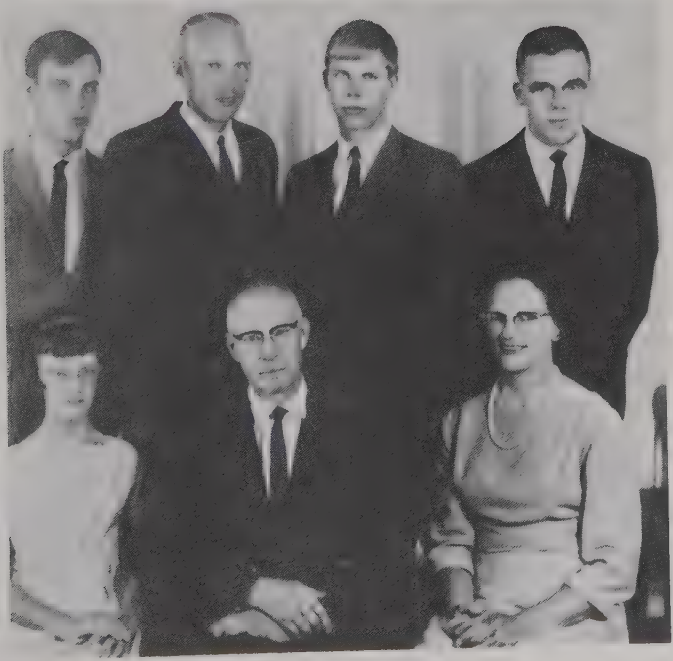
Likewise, their children have held many positions in the Church, and their two oldest sons, Floyd W. and Robert, have fulfilled honorable missions in foreign lands (see missionary section).

This family is truly an example of faithful devoted service to the Church, with always a willingness to use their time, abilities, and talents for the furthering of the work of the Lord and to help their fellowmen and are a great blessing to our ward and stake. They have exemplified what the Savior taught, true compassionate service; and they are honored, respected and loved for their goodness and kindness to all.



Fred W. Nelson

Esther Nelson



The Nelson Family

FRED WOODROW NELSON

Fred Woodrow Nelson is truly a product of the 29th Ward. Here he was born February 7, 1913 at the old family home across the street from the 29th Ward on 10th West, which is now 1100 West. His father, N. Fred Nelson and his mother,Florence Littlewood Nelson were also life-long members of the 29th Ward as were his four grandparents. His grandfather Nils Nelson was the first branch president of what was to become the 29th Ward.His father, N. Fred Nelson was a counselor to Bishop Wilford W. Emery for about fifteen years. Fred was very happy to be the third generation to serve here.

As a member of the 29th Ward, he was blessed, baptized, confirmed, ordained to every office in the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods, and called to serve in the North Central States Mission. While in the mission field, he spent some time in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada, and this was one of the highlights of his life.

He has always held some kind of a position in the ward from the time he was a boy in the Aaronic Priesthood to the present time. He has served in all the auxiliaries in the ward, many times as a teacher, a calling he loves. He taught Seminary at South High School for six years, filled a stake mission, served as ward clerk with Bishop N. Owen Catmull, stake teacher trainer, 2nd counselor to Bishop Eldon Partridge, bishop and stake high councilor.

When Fred returned home from his mission, he met Esther Kennard from Logan, Utah. She was born in Riverside, Box Elder County, Utah, the eighth child of Leonidas H. Kennard and Frances F. Kennard. She moved to Logan with her parents when she was three years old and lived there until she graduated from high school. At this time, she applied at the LDS School of Nursing and was accepted as a student nurse in 1934. She graduated in 1937 and has enjoyed working at her profession both at the hospital, the community and in the ward and neighborhood.

When Fred married Esther Kennard in 1937, they established their home in the 29th Ward and their five children, Fred Jr.,Larry, Karl, Dale and Elizabeth were all born and raised here. They now have twelve grandchildren. In fact, Fred's membership has never been in any other ward.

The 29th Ward was a wonderful place to grow up. He had good friends and companions, wonderful teachers and leaders in the priesthood and auxiliary organization. The people in the ward, many of whom were converts from Europe, set a wonderful example to the young people in their devotion,service, and testimony of the Gospel.

When Fred was young, the 29th Ward extended from Second North north to the Davis County line, and from the old Eighth West to about 1400 West. There were many open fields where boys could play baseball, football, kick the can, run sheep run, and many other active games. The weeds did not have a chance to get started. His father often put Fred and his brother, Wendell, on the bike and rode out to what is now Rose Park,where they could hunt pheasants or ducks. They also caught many fine trout at North Temple where City Creek emptied into the Jordan River.

The family owned a Model T Ford which made it possible to go a little farther for their fun. Fred remembers a trip to Yellowstone Park when he was about eight years old. It took them three days to get there. At that time, there were very few visitors to the Park and the wildlife was abundant - - including the fish.

Another time, the Nelson family drove their car to Kamas where they rented or borrowed a covered wagon and horses from a friend and drove up to the Smith and Moorehouse where they camped out for two weeks, fishing and hiking. Fred has climbed Timpanogos six times, Lone Peak, and many of the other mountains in the State. His father was usually with him on these hikes.

Another great attraction in the area was the Jordan River. There was a place called the Old Swimming Hole where boys from blocks around gathered to swim on warm summer days. Fred began going to the river when he was about nine years old. His parents did not approve of this activity and gave him firm instructions to stay away from there. They felt that the river was neither clean enough nor safe enough for a boy who did not know how to swim very well. Each evening when his father came home from work, he would ask Fred if he had been swimming in the river. Each time Fred confessed his guilt, and this resulted in father and son making a trip to the woodshed. After several days of this, his father said, *"If you are determined to swim , I'll get you a membership to the Deseret Gym, and Charlie Welch can teach you how to swim right."* Charles Welch was a neighbor and friend in the 29th Ward, and he was the swimming coach at the Deseret Gym. He was a wonderful man and influenced for good the lives of hundreds of young people. Fred has had a gym membership ever since his father gave him that first one, and he still swims three or four times a week.

Fred has always loved camping and being outdoors. Some of his fondest memories are of the trips he took down the Snake River in rubber rafts in Wyoming. His companions were usually his father, his sons, his brothers or friends. The ride down the river was exciting, the fishing was good and the camping was fun.

One of the thrills of his life was the trip he took to Alaska with his brother, Wendell and Bishop Farr. They fished in the rivers and the ocean. The fishing was exceptionally good and they also saw whales, seals, bears, eagles, and other wildlife. They stayed on Prince of Wales Island with Fred's nephew, and they enjoyed the Totum Park, the beautiful forests and the ocean.

Another memorable trip was in December, 1973, when Fred and Esther met Bishop Lucian and Juanita Farr in Hawaii and had three fun-filled days there with them. Then Fred and Esther traveled on to Yap Island in Micronesia and spent three weeks with their son, Karl and his family. Successful fishing with his grandchildren was one of the great things about the trip, but getting acquainted with fine people in a new culture was also very interesting.

Another exciting vacation was the boat trip Fred took with his son, Fred Jr. and about thirty others on a rubber raft down the Usumacinta River. The river forms the boundary between Mexico and Guatemala. They stopped at many out-of-the-way archaeological sites along the river and saw many of the restored cities after leaving the river.

The opportunity to serve as bishop of the 29th Ward was one of the great blessings of his life and was a very rich and rewarding experience. He was called to this position on September 17, 1967 and served five years. He feels that he had the most wonderful counselors, clerks, auxiliary leaders and priesthood leaders that a bishop could have. He had their full support and cooperation. His counselors were Fred J.B. Smith, Lucian T. Farr, and later Clifford E. (Pete) Savage. His clerks were Lyle Gordon, Jerry Burningham, N. Owen Catmull and Fay B. Hardy. His executive secretary was Glen Burt.

The ward was still paying for the Welfare Farm, and there were many money-raising events planned. Soon after the bishopric was organized, Brother Rendell Mabey of Bountiful asked if the 29th Ward would like to take over a large peach orchard and run it as a ward welfare project.For two summers the members of the 29th Ward took care of this orchard, and they enjoyed working together, and everyone gave their support to this project. It united the priesthood in a welfare project, and the money earned from the sale of the fruit was a big help in paying off the welfare debt.

Much was accomplished under his capable and kind leadership as a bishop, and new programs in the Church were introduced, as well as other local and national achievements. Some of them were the Senior Aaronic Priesthood Program being replaced with the Prospective Elders Program; two temples were dedicated, one in Ogden and one in Provo; the Teacher Development Program; an excellent ward library was started under his direction, calling Lucian Farr and his wife, Juanita, to prepare items for the library. Men had landed on the moon; Area Conferences were held for the first time; two presidents of the Church had passed away, President David O. McKay and President Joseph Fielding Smith, and now serving as our Prophet was Harold B. Lee; Monday was designated as Family Home Evening; the present Church magazines were discontinued and new ones were being published in their stead; the Northwest Multi-purpose Center was opened in our area; President Thomas L. Hall was sustained as the new stake president upon the death of President Robert L. Bridge; and Regional Representatives were called.

Bishop Nelson was released from this position on September 17, 1972, just five years to the day of his being sustained as bishop.

His dear wife, Esther, was loved for her kind, sweet spirit, always willing to help others. She has worked in all of the different Church organizations -- Sunday School teacher, Primary teacher, MIA teacher, the MIA stake board, as president of the 29th Ward Relief Society, stake Relief Society Board, in the stake Relief Society presidency, and as a bishop's wife. The many friends she has made over these years have enriched her life and has been a blessing to her.

Fred has had a happy life. He has always had many friends and opportunities. He is grateful for the calling he has had for the last three years to serve as a host in the Visitors Center on Temple Square. This has given him the privilege of meeting and bearing his testimony to people from all over the world, and he is grateful for this blessing.

The 29th Ward has always been and will always be "home" to the Nelson family.

(NOTE: Since this has been written, we are sorry that Esther Kennard Nelson passed away on April 23, 1979. Through all her suffering and the constant, faithful care given her by Bishop Nelson and his family and friends, there was never a word of complaint. She will always be greatly missed, but she will never be forgotten and will always be remembered and loved for the sweet influence she was, for her wonderful life, her example for good, and for her faith and patience in time of trials and suffering.)

Lucian T. Farr

Juanita Farr

The Farr Family

LUCIAN THATCHER FARR

Lucian Thatcher Farr was born March 30, 1923, on a farm near the small town of Arimo, Idaho. Lucian, an older sister and a younger brother were born to Lucian Cordian Farr, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Lufkin Farr.

Lucian has many fond recollections of his childhood on the farm. He and his brother,who was a little over a year younger than Lucian, were the best companions;the farm provided horses to ride; hills with groves of cedars (an ideal place to play cowboys and indians); canals for swimming, barns, machine sheds and granaries for playing cops and robbers; and in the wintertime, hills for sleigh riding, skiing, tobagganing and ice on the canals to skate on.

As a small boy, Lucian was taught to help with the work that has to be done on a farm.He began by helping to plant,water,and weed the garden and orchard and to help gather in the produce as it matured. As he grew older, he began milking cows, taking care of the livestock, plowing, planting, irrigating and harvesting the crops.

Lucian attended elementary school and his first year of high school in Arimo. In 1938, the family moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where Lucian's father had taken a job with the County Agent to supplement the farm income. Lucian attended Pocatello High School his sophomore year. In the sprin of 1939, Lucian's father passed away; and at the end of the school year, Lucian moved to Rose,Idaho to live with an uncle and aunt on their farm. He attended his junior year at Blackfoot High School. In order to attend his senior year there, he moved to Blackfoot and boarded with a great uncle and aunt.

Lucian's wife, Juanita, her two sisters, and three brothers were born to Joseph Smith Wright, Jr. and Julia Amanda Monson Wright. Juanita was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The first few years of her life, her family led a nomads life as they moved from place to place with her father who was a road construction foreman. Juanita started first grade in Brigham City, Utah and the family lived there until just after Juanita was baptized, and then they moved to Blackfoot, Idaho. By this time, the family was much smaller - two brothers died at an early age and one brother and one sister had married. Juanita's mother refused to move again until Juanita finished high school, so Juanita's father left Juanita, her sister and her mother to fend for themselves. Her mother made a scant living by making temple clothes for burial and doing other sewing that she could find to do.

Juanita was the Sunday School organist and the accompanist for a Hawaiian choral group led by her Seminary teacher. They traveled to many of the wards in southeastern Idaho to perform. They also sang on KSL Radio in Salt Lake City and KSEI Radio in Pocatello.

Juanita's sister married, and sometime later Juanita and her mother moved into the apartment house owned by the great uncle and aunt that Lucian was living with. She and Lucian finally met, and each of them felt a special attraction for the other, and their courtship began.

After graduating from high school in 1941,Lucian moved to Salt Lake City where he found employment with Kearns Corporation as an elevator operator in the Kearns Building, and the courtship continued with many letters going back and forth. Lucian returned to Blackfoot to spend the Christmas holidays, and at midnight New Year's Eve in 1941, presented Juanita with an engagement ring. In February 1942, he moved to California to attend school and work for Douglas Aircraft Company at Long Beach. Juanita finished her senior year at Blackfoot High School with more courtship letters going back and forth until Lucian returned and claimed his bride on August 21, 1942, in the Salt Lake Temple.

The newlyweds made their home in Long Beach, California until Lucian was drafted in January 1943. His pilot training with the Army Air Force took him to Montgomery, Alabama; Albany, Bainbridge and Valdosta, Georgia; and Symra, Tennessee; and finally to Boise, Idaho. Juanita was able to follow him most of the time. Daughter Patsy Juanita made her debut in Boise one week after Lucian was shipped out to report for duty with the Eighth Air Force in Englar Luckily, he was able to get back to Boise to see hi new daughter before he left for overseas. Juanita and Patsy came to Salt Lake City and lived with his cousin's wife and daughter (her husband was also overseas in the service) until Patsy was three mont old. At that time, she and Patsy returned to the apartment house in Blackfoot to wait for Lucian's return. More letters back and forth until Lucian wa discharged from the service in July, 1945.

After Lucian's discharge, Lucian, Juanita and Patsy moved to Salt Lake City, and Lucian attended the University of Utah. Since that time, they have lived in several places in and near Salt Lake City and finally landed in the 29th Ward in 1953, one year before the youngest of their five children was born. What a great blessing it was when they decide to make their home here.

Lucian has held many positions in the 29th War and the Salt Lake Riverside Stake -- teachers' advisor, Post advisor, served in the Sunday School ar Mutual superintendencies, in the elders quorum pres dency, stake mission, stake mission presidency, sev ties quorum president, counselor to Bishop Fred W. Nelson, and Riverside Stake High Council.

He was called to serve as bishop of the 29th Ward on September 17, 1972. He chose as his counselors, Brother Richard L. Whipple, first counselo and Brother Clifford E. (Pete) Savage, second counselor. Later, LeRoy W. Jensen and Ted D. Lewis serv as second counselors. Brother J. Gerald Burningham and later Alvern C. (Ike) Goff served as ward clerk with Brother Fay B. Hardy and Brother Richard H. Westmoreland serving as assistant clerks. Brother Glen S. Burt and later Brother M. LaMar Nielson se ved as executive secretaries.

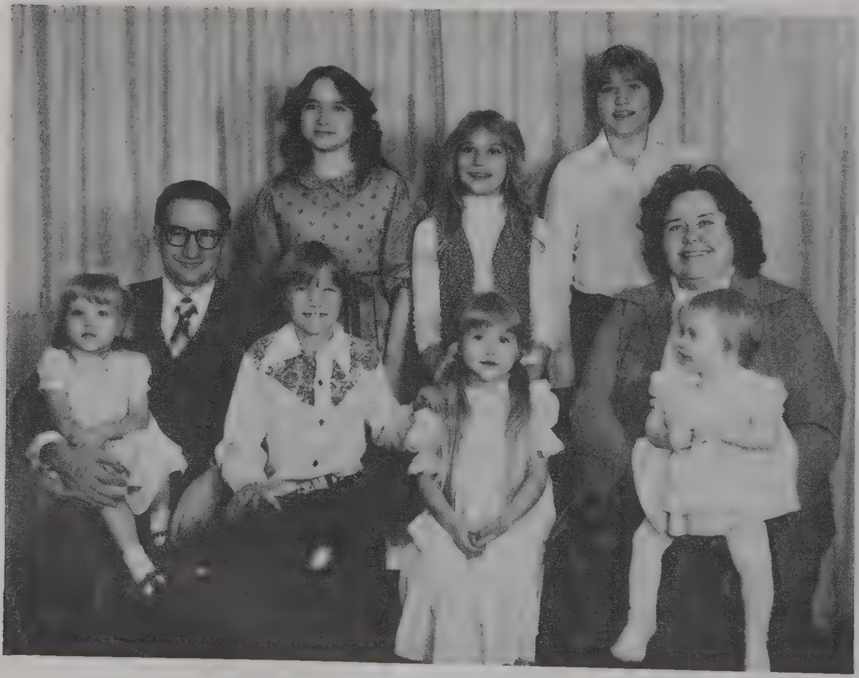
These brethren and their co-workers gave the ward outstanding leadership. Organizations forged ahead, a number of missionaries were called into the mission field, and the general condition of the ward was one of spirituality. This was a period of time when some very significant events happened, bo on a ward and general Church level, as well as nationally. As was explained previously in this book, property was purchased for a new three-ward and stake building, and considerable effort, time and means made it possible to complete this beautiful edifice. Our bishopric had the responsibility to raise the necessary funds as our ward's assessment, and the members were very cooperative in this effort. In May of 1977, we moved into our new building. Our traditional Washington Park outings were held along with other joyful occasions. It was made possible through recording sacrament meetings in our ward to give shut-ins and others who desired, the opportunity to listen to these meetings in their homes. In 1976, a new stake presidency was sustained with President Floyd Hill Gowans, a member of our ward, being called to this position. Our ward boundaries were changed on November 20, 1977, annexing part of the Rosedale Ward to our membership, a welcome addition, indeed.

On a general Church level, we were saddened at the death of our Prophet, President Harold B. Lee on December 26, 1973, but were blessed with the selection of President Spencer Woolley Kimball on December 30, 1973 to be our Prophet. Two beautiful temples were dedicated by President Kimball - - the Washington, D.C. Temple and the Arizona Temple was rededicated after being remodeled. In 1975, all general auxiliary conferences were discontinued; and between 1975 and 1977,58 Solemn Assemblies were held throughout North America. President Kimball received a glorious revelation that the priesthood could now be bestowed on every worthy male member of the Church, regardless of race. It was announced in 1978 that another temple would be built in our valley, the Jordan River Temple, and we would have the privilege of making a contribution toward its construction. Our bishop had the responsibility of seeing that our ward assessment was met, which it was.

On a national level, the glorious news was heralded on January 28, 1973, that there was a cease fire in Vietnam; and of course, there was the great celebration of the bicentennial year of our great nation in 1976.

Richard A. Clifford

Janet Clifford



The Clifford Family

These are just some of many historical events that took place duringBishop Farr's term of office. Serving a little over six years, he gave unselfishly of his time, talents and means. He and his dear wife were always willing to give compassionate service, and many can be thankful for what they did for them, and his family gave their full support in his calling. He was patient and kind, always had a smile, and had a great sense of humor. After his release as bishop on November 26, 1978, Lucian accepted the assignment to serve as stake executive secretary to Stake President, Floyd H. Gowans.

Juanita has served as Sunday School organist, teacher, and stake board member; Primary organist, teacher, and counselor; Mutual teacher; Relief Society Education leader for Second Session Relief Society, and visiting teacher. She has also served as 29th Ward librarian, and then accepted the call to be the meeting house librarian and did much to help in the organization of the 29th-Riverside Building Library.

Lucian and Juanita have five children; Patsy resides in Honolulu, Hawaii; Terry and his wife Ellen (Siirola), Brian and his wife Jayne (Howard), Sheryl and her husband Steve (Schowengerdt), and Shirley and her husband Curt (Kawabata) all live in the Salt Lake City area. As of this date, three grandsons and three granddaughters complete this family.

RICHARD ARTHUR CLIFFORD

The 29th Ward was expanded on November 20,1977 to include families from the Rosedale Ward, including our present bishop who was sustained on November 26, 1978. He selected for his counselors, Ralph R. Francis and Ted D. Lewis, with Roger D. Magneson as executive secretary, and Alvern C. (Ike) Goff, Fay Hardy and Richard Westmoreland as clerks. A well qualified elder has been chosen to be the bishop of our ward, together with other members of the bishopric, and we are blessed to have them as our leaders.

Full Church activity and honor to their Heavenly Father has been the basis for our new bishop's and his wife's growing-up years, their romance, courtship, marriage and family. Both Janet and Richard come from devoted Latter-day Saint families, active in Church,education and community affairs.

Janet and Richard met at the Riverside Stake M Men and Gleaner class, where they were both activ officers of the class. While participating in the many activities of the group, they had the opportunity to learn much about each other. Their first date was at a class-sponsored dinner. When summer arrived and Janet went to work at the Indian Youth Camp, they both realized how much they really cared for each other. Before the camp season was over, Janet was wearing a beautiful engagement ring. On the 27th day of September, 1963, Janet May, daughte of Joseph W. and Thelma R. Williams Dunlop, and Richard Arthur, son of Arthur Harris and Ruth Langd Clifford, were married in the Salt Lake Temple by Elder Spencer W. Kimball. They now have seven beautiful children: Gordon Burrell, age 14; Jenny May, age 12; Bridget Ruth, age 11; Patrick Thomas, age 9; Katie, age 4; Ruthanne, age 2 and Rebecca, 1 year old.

Richard is the eldest child in his family, and he has lived in the 4th and 30th Wards of Pioneer Stake. In January of 1943, his family moved to Layt to be near his dad's employment at Hill Air Force Base. However, in April of 1945, they moved to the 28th Ward, Riverside Stake. The next day, Richard's father reported to Fort Douglas. While his father served with the Sea-Bees in Okinawa, Richard starte his education at Onequa,Jackson Jr., and West High Schools. Following graduation, he served six months active duty training at Fort Ord, California, where he completed a Wheel Vehicle Mechanics course.While there, he sang with the LDS Servicemen's Chorus.

After his release from active reserve training, Richard continued his education at the University of Utah. After 4 quarters of Engineering studi he was called to serve in the Canadian Mission unde President Thomas S. Monson. After being honorably released from his mission, he was home only three months when the 744th Engineer Reserve Unit was called to active duty during the "Berlin Crisis". After release from active duty, Richard began his employment as a technician with Hercules, Inc. at the Bacchus Works, where he has been employed for the past sixteen years. He is presently employed as an Engineering Assistant.

Richard has been active in the Church all of his life, having served as president, counselor and secretary of his Aaronic Priesthood Quorums. He has also served as deacons and teachers quorum advisor, priests group advisor, and general secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood. In the MIA, Richard has served in ward positions as secretary, counselor, Scoutmaster of three troops and Explorer advisor. In the stake MIA, he was secretary, Scoutleader and superintendent. In the M Men class, he was M Men assistant and ward representative. Richard also has served as Sunday School teacher and Cubmaster. He was a president of the Second Quorum of Seventy, and served concurrently as stake mission president.

Richard served as counselor to Bishop Richard P. Syversen in the Rosedale Ward. Since becoming a member of the 29th Ward, he has served concurrently as Scoutmaster, deacons quorum advisor and counselor to the Young Men's president.

An interest in community service has found him working in the Council and District positions of Boy Scouts of America; Neighborhood Commissioner; Asst. Roundtable Commissioner for Scouts and Explorers, Training Committee, Asst. District Commissioner,and Scoutmaster of Jamboree Troop.

In recognitition for his service and activity, Richard has received the following: Eagle Scout with three palms, Deseret Recognition Award, Duty to God Award, Junior M Men Knight Award, Master M Man Award, Woodbadge, and Silver Beehive (BSA District Distinguished Service Award).

Richard has been active in the grass roots political process and has been voting District Chairman, State, and County Convention Delegate and fund raiser.

In connection with his hobby of photography, Richard has been contest chairman of the Hercules Camera Club for five years.

As a genealogist, he has specialized in Southern States Research. He is a charter member and first president of the Southern States Chapter, Utah Genealogical Association (served two non-consecutive years as president). He has also been program chairman for two years in this Chapter. As vice president of the William Carter Family organization, he represents the Sophronia J. Turnbow descendants (a Southern line). He is currently writing a family history, "Eight Generations Across America". This history starts with the Clifford children and ends with one of their eighteenth century immigrant ancestors.

During Janet's childhood and teen years,her father was bishop of the Center Ward.She attended Onequa, Jackson Jr.High, and West High. She has always been an energetic, vivacious person.At the University of Utah,she majored in Physical Education, and then transferred to corrective therapy. She helped finance her college education by working three summers on the Uintah, Ouray Indian reservation as a counselor at the Uintah Youth Camp where she had charge of 18 Ute Indian girls 16 to 18 year of age, 24 hours a day. It was quite an experience, and she gained much respect for the Indian people and the problems they face today.

Janet has always been interested in music. At age 12 she was trained by Carrie Bouck to lead the singing in Jr. Sunday School, and Janet has been chorister in almost every organization in Center and Rosedale Wards. In Jr. High, she sang in trios and girls' chorus; at West High she sang in the A'Cappella Choir. She especially enjoys singing duets with her good friend, Robin Hicks. For 11 years, Janet was a member of the internationally famous Bountiful Sweet Adeline Chorus. She has helped many groups of young people prepare for song fests, roadshows, etc., and Janet has also written and directed a number of roadshows. She has provided many fun experiences for the youth. For her service and activity, Janet earned the Golden Glean Award. Currently, Janet is the ward Cultural Arts Specialist. She is also the PTSA President of North west Intermediate School.

The three oldest Clifford children enjoyed lea ing dance at the Virginia Tanner School of Creative

Dance. Gordon has also studied ballet and jazz at the Rocky Spoelstra School of Dance and the University of Utah, Division of Continuing Education.For five years Gordon has appeared on stage as a child in the "Party Scene" of Ballet West's presentation of Tchaikovsky Nutcracker. Gordon has also had the following theatrical opportunities: A child in "Carousel" at the Pioneer Memorial Threatre; sang a solo, portraying young Al Jolson on a Sweet Adeline Show, and Amal in "Amal and the Night Visitors." He is currently in the Glee Club and Art Club at school and an office aid. Gordon is an Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm, received the "On My Honor" award, and the Kiwanis Club "Hope of America" Award. He has served as Patrol Leader, deacons quorum president and Senior Patrol Leader. He is now a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Jenny May is the "Princess" of the Clifford kingdom. She has been studying the piano for three years. She gets good grades in school and is one of the busiest baby-sitters in the neighborhood. Jenny is vice president of the Backman School Student Council.

Bridget Ruth is the Clifford's 11-year old "Tomboy" who prefers "jeans" over dresses. She is an excellent athlete and proficient in gymnastics. She was a member of the "Pep Club" for the Ute Football Conference. Piano practice is not her favorite thing, but she enjoys being able to play the piano.

Nine-year old Patrick Thomas enjoys sports.He has been bat boy, bowling team captain, and played half-back or end for the West Gremlin team of the Ute Football Conference. Patrick is a Cub Scout and holds the Wolf rank.

Four-year old Katie is a standout with blonde ringlets that fall below her waist. She is sometimes shy around strangers, but she is a very outgoing child. She is a help to her mother with the two younger children.

Two-year old Ruthanne is another jabber-box with long blonde hair. She loves to be out in the yard. She wants to go whenever anyone in the busy Clifford household leaves. Fanny, as she is often called, is a fun child who is a real "go-getter".

Fourteen-month old Rebecca was born while her father was at camp, helping train Boy Scout leaders She is a vision of perpetual motion, except when asleep. She enjoys exploring the house and all of its contents. She also enjoys being out in the yard

How wonderful the Lord chose this family and the others in the bishopric to lead, guide and direc us. Each of us and our families will give our bisho 100% support and, likewise, he will be asking for full support from the ward family.

(NOTE: With a few minor changes, this article has been taken from the TWENTY-NINTH WARD PUBLICATION, December 1978, and we thank the editor, Leone Johnson, for this permission. The deadline for information contained in this history book was November 1, 1978, but we felt that a change in our bishopric so near this date was of importance in the history of our ward and should be included herein.)

BISHOP

Thomas M. Thomson
10/18/59 - 9/22/63

COUNSELLORS

Lowell Leishman
10/18/59 - 10/29/61

Dwain Morrill
10/18/59 - 9/22/63

F. Earl Matheson
10/29/61 - 9/22/63

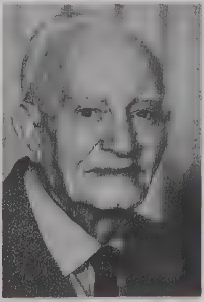
WARD CLERKS AND ASSISTANTS

Charles Pettersson
4/21/57 - - -

Richard Westmoreland
11/22/55 - 9/22/63

Ronald Long
10/18/59 - 9/22/63

LaMar Nielson
10/18/59 - 3/24/63



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11/20/55 - -

Howard Jones
3/24/63 - 10/6/63

BISHOP

Doyle D. Richards
9/22/63 - 7/30/67

COUNSELLORS

Floyd H. Gowans
9/22/63 - 10/23/67

F. Earl Matheson
9/22/63 - 8/29/65

J. Reed Babcock
8/29/65 - 8/30/67

Ronald J. Long
10/23/66 - 7/30/67

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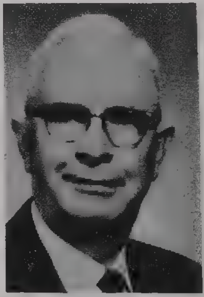
8/29/65 ----



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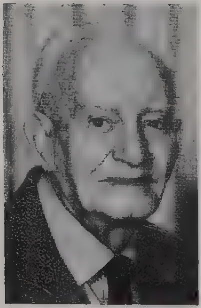

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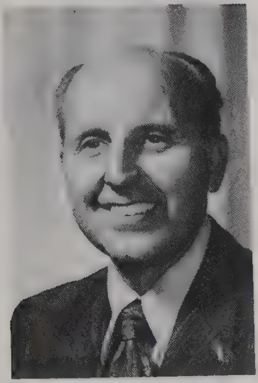

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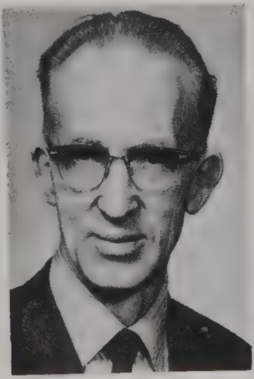

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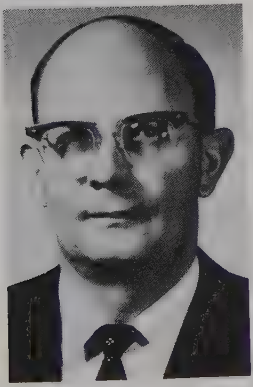

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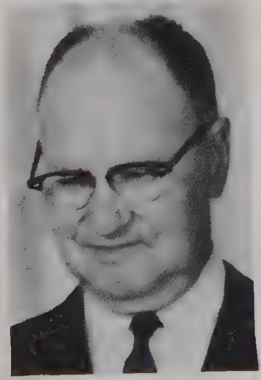

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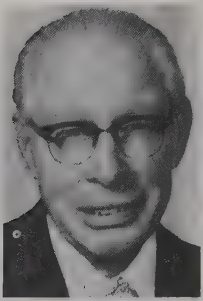
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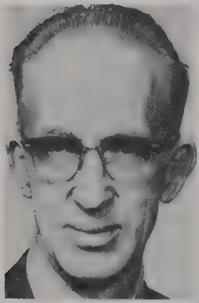
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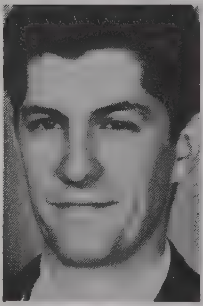
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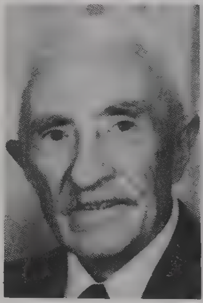
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Fay B. Hardy
8/6/72 ----

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Lucian T. Farr
9/17/72 - 11/26/78

COUNSELLORS

Richard L. Whipple
9/17/72 - 11/26/78

Clifford E. Savage
9/17/72 - 4/18/76

LeRoy W. Jensen
4/18/76 - 9/18/77

Ted D. Lewis
9/18/77 - 11/26/78

WARD CLERKS AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

J. Gerald Burningham
10/19/69 - 8/8/74

Glen S. Burt
1/22/67 - 5/30/76

Fay B. Hardy
8/6/72 ----

Alvern C. Goff
8/9/74 ----

Richard H. Westmoreland
11/19/72 -----

M. LaMar Nielson
5/30/76 - 11/26/78

BISHOP

COUNSELLORS

Richard A. Clifford
11/26/78 ----

Ralph R. Francis, Sr.
11/26/78 ----

Ted D. Lewis
11/26/78 ----

WARD CLERKS AND
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

Alvern C. Goff
8/9/74 ----

Fay B. Hardy
8/6/72 ----

Richard H. Westmoreland
11/9/72 ----

Roger D. Magneson
11/26/78 ----

As mentioned previously, the above bishopric and clerks were sustained shortly after the closing date of the book, November 1, 1978. This new bishopric had the responsibility of having our book published, so therefore, they have been included herein.

OUR BISHOPS

Dwain R. Morrill, Thomas M.Thomson, Jr.
F. Earl Matheson

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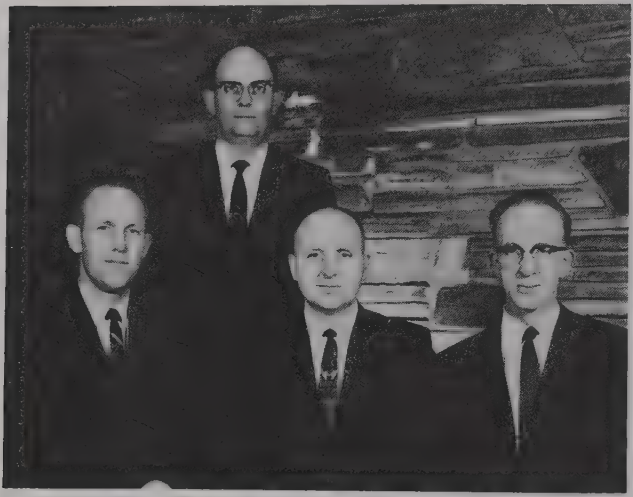

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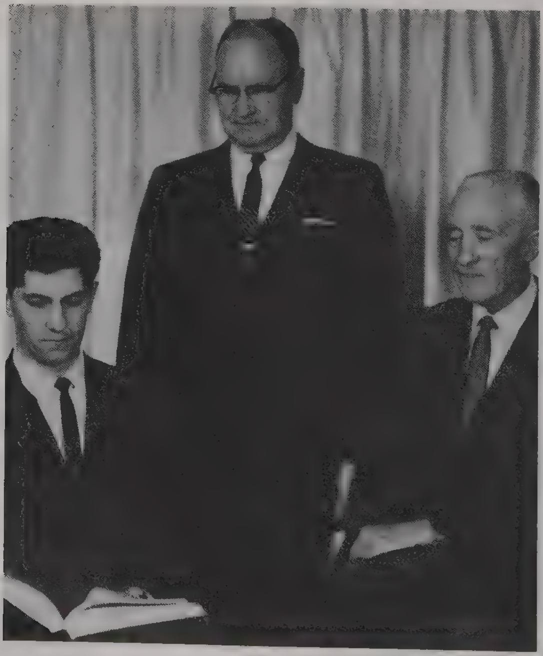

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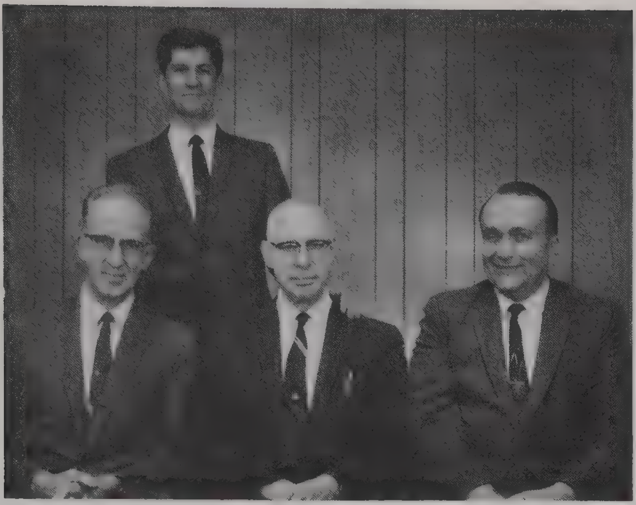

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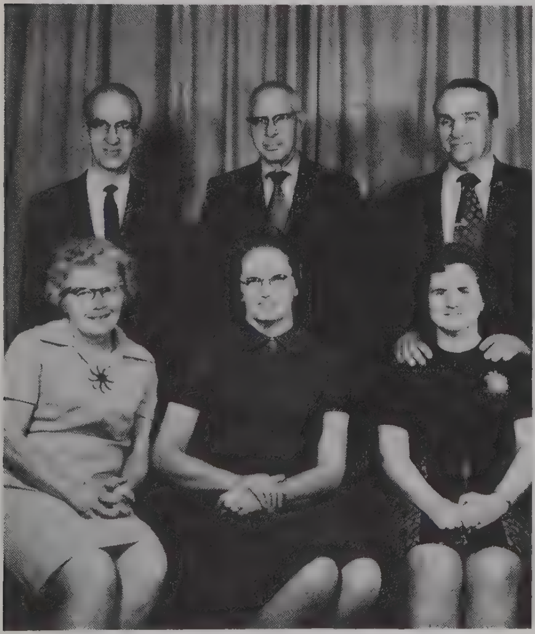

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Donna Smith,Esther Nelson,Juanita Farr
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Fay B.Hardy,J. Gerald Burningham

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Donna Smith, Esther Nelson,Florence Savage, Myrna Hardy
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J.Gerald Burningham Fay Hardy

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Clifford E. Savage
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Mildred Whipple, Juanita Farr, Florence Savage,
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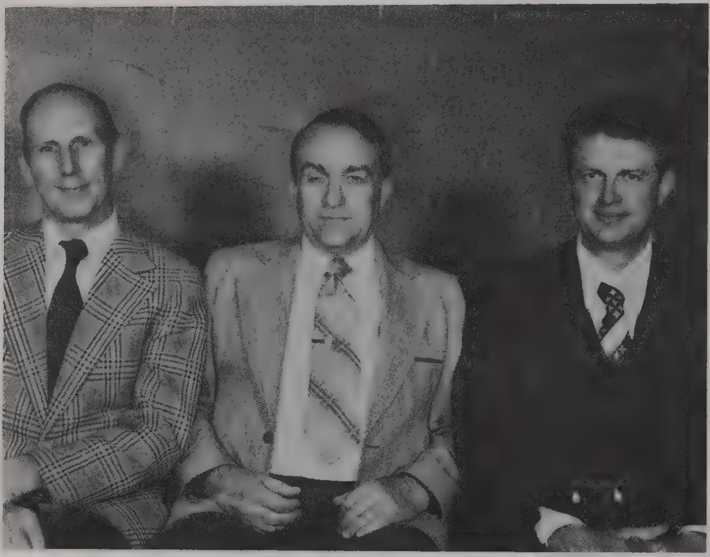

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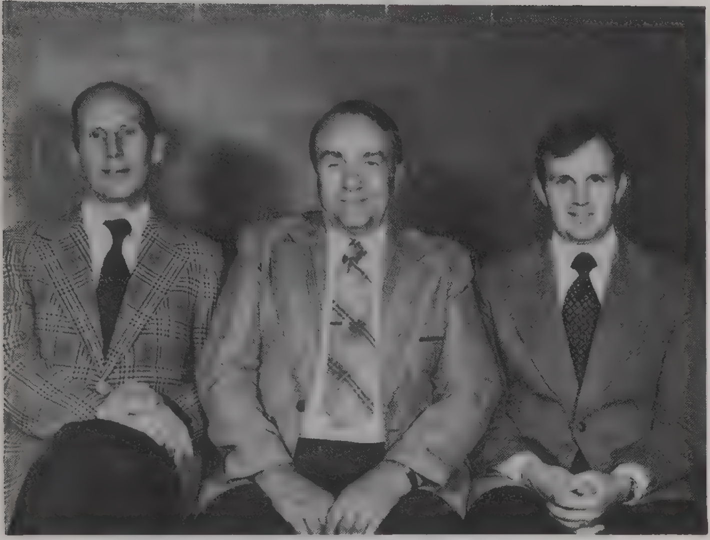

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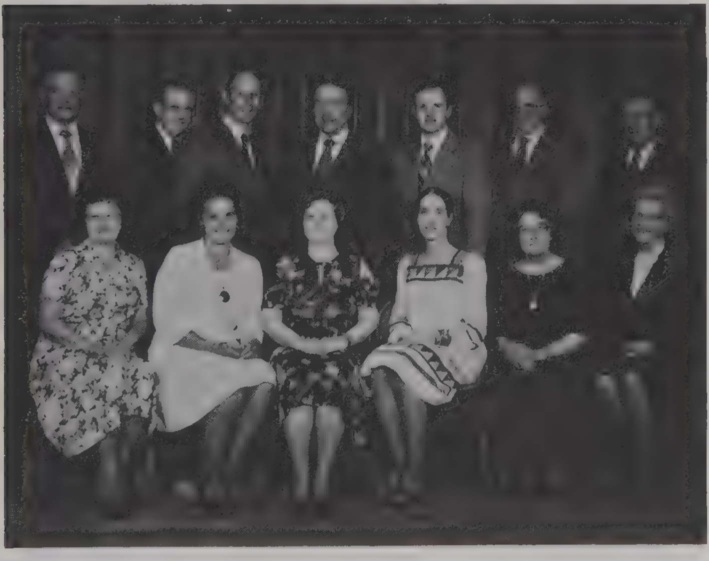

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OUR BISHOPS

Lucian and Juanita Farr with gift upon release from Bishopric.

LaMar Nielson, Ted Lewis, BISHOP Lucian T. Farr, Richard L. Whipple

OUR BISHOPS

Ralph R.Francis, Sr., BISHOP Richard A. Clifford, Ted Lewis

FRONT:
Bonnie Francis, Janet Clifford, Carole Lewis, Kathryn Westmoreland, Myrna Hardy

BACK:
Alvern Goff, Jeffery Turner, Ralph R. Francis, Sr. Bishop Richard A. Clifford, Ted Lewis, Richard Westmoreland, Fay B. Hardy, Lorenzo Baldee

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

The restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood in these latter days was one of the greatest events in Church history. However, we do not have the exact date of this most important occasion, but Elder Bruce R. McConkie in his book, MORMON DOCTRINE,page 478, stated that the Melchizedek Priesthood was conferred upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in June of 1829.

It is called the Melchizedek Priesthood after Melchizedek who was a great high priest.

> "Before his day it was called the Holy Priesthood, after the Order of the Son of God.
>
> But out of respect or reverence to the name of the Supreme Being, to avoid the too frequent repetition of his name, they, the Church, in ancient days, called that priesthood after Melchizedek, or the Melchizedek Priesthood.
>
> All other authorities or offices in the church are appendages to this priesthood."
> (D&C 107:3-5)

The banks of the Susquehanna river was no doubt the place where this ordination was performed for we read in the D&C, Section 128,verse 20:

> "... The voice of, Peter, James, and John in the wilderness between Harmony, Susquehanna County, and Colesville,Broome County, on the Susquehanna river, declaring themselves as possessing the keys of the kingdom, and of the dispensation of the fulness of times!"

We further read in the D&C, Section 27, verses 12 and 13:

> "And also with Peter, and James, and John, whom I have sent unto you, by whom I have ordained you and confirmed you to be apostles, and especial witnesses of my name, and bear the keys of your ministry and of the same things which I revealed unto them;

> Unto whom I have committed the keys of my kingdom, and a dispensation of the gospel for the last times; and for the fulness of times, in the which I will gather together in one all things, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth;"

At the time Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood by John the Baptist, he made the promise that in due time, they would receive the Melchizedek Priesthood, so this was in direct fulfillment of that promise.

Quoting Elder Bruce R. McConkie from his Semiannual General Conference talk at the Priesthood Session, Saturday, October 1, 1977 (Nov.1977 Ensign, page 33):

> "... the Melchizedek Priesthood ... is the highest and greatest power that the Lord gives to men on earth.
>
> There are in this greater priesthood five offices or callings -- elder, seventy, high priest, patriarch, and apostle -- yet the priesthood is the same; and the priesthood is greater than any of its offices. We are a kingdom of brethren, a congregation of equals, all of whom are entitled to receive all of the blessings of the priesthood. There are no blessings reserved for apostles that are not freely available to all the elders of the kingdom; blessings come because of obedience and personal righteousness, not because of administrative positions.
>
> 'This greater priesthood administereth the gospel.' It 'continueth in the church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days or end of years.' (D&C 84:17.)
>
> ... The priesthood is the power and authority of God, delegated to man on earth, to act in all things for the salvation of men.

> Where the Melchizedek Priesthood is, there is the Church and kingdom of God on earth; there is the gospel of salvation; and where there is no Melchizedek Priesthood, there is no true Church, and no power that will save men in the kingdom of God.
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> ...Thus it is that 'this greater priesthood ... holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God.' (D&C 84:19)
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> The Holy Ghost is the sanctifier. Those who magnify their callings in the priesthood 'are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies.' (D&C 84:33) They are born again; they become new creatures of the Holy Ghost; they are alive in Christ."

In the 84th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants, the Lord in a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph Smith at Kirtland, Ohio, September 22nd and 23rd, 1832, tells of the blessings and privileges of those who receive the Aaronic Priesthood and Melchizedek Priesthood. The oath and covenant of the priesthood is given in verses 33 to 39. In verses 40, 41 and part of 42, we read:

> "Therefore, all those who receive the priesthood, receive this oath and covenant of my Father, which he cannot break, neither can it be moved.
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> But whoso breaketh this covenant after he hath received it, and altogether turneth therefrom, shall not have forgiveness of sins in this world nor in the world to come.
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> And wo unto all those who come not unto this priesthood which ye have received ...."

What great blessings the Melchizedek Priesthood members of the 29th Ward have brought to their families and ward members in the unselfish service they have rendered in their callings.

The elders fulfill both the spiritual and temporal needs of the individual members. They have assisted faithfully in working at the stake farm such as cleaning out stalls and putting in new straw, making repairs on machinery and buildings, and hauling in baled hay and stacking it in the hay barn. During the winter when our farm had cattle, they would clean the calf pens; and although some of these jobs were back breaking, they expressed how good they felt when the job was done because of the blessings one receives from service. Likewise, all of the quorums have assisted at the stake farm.

In recent years, emphasis has been placed on the reactivation of elders and prospective elders, and they also visit these families as home teachers as well as the active elders.

Many of their number have or are fulfilling honorable missions for the Church. The elders quorum has done so much good for so many.

The 29th Ward Seventies Group is a part of the Salt Lake Riverside Stake Seventies Quorum. In 1963, our group were members of the 188th Quorum of the Seventy. We later were placed in the Second Quorum of the Seventy which was next to the First Quorum of the Seventy.

On February 28, 1835, a quorum of the Seventy was organized and was called the First Quorum. Quorum members were not considered as General Authorities, and it functioned under the seven presidents who were General Authorities.

After Joseph Smith passed away, nine more quorums of Seventy were organized, and sixty-three of the original quorum members became presidents of these quorums. This left seven presidents who served as the First Council of the Seventy. Of course, as the Church grew, more quorums were organized, and President John Taylor in the year 1833 then had each stake have a quorum. The First Council of the Seventy have always been General Authorities. Now they are all General Authorities.

October General Conference, 1975, saw further changes in the general leadership of the Church for on October 3rd, President Spencer W. Kimball organized the First Quorum of the Seventy which was the first time since the early days of the Church. Three new members of the quorum were sustained. Elder Gene R. Cook had recently been sustained as a member of the First Council and a member of the quorum. President Kimball said that the quorum would eventually have seventy members. Additional brethren have been called to this quorum, and on October 1, 1976, all of the Assistants to the Twelve were sustained as members of this quorum.The First Council was also reorganized on that day.

When the First Quorum of the Seventy was again organized, the quorum numbers were abolished, and we are now the Salt Lake Riverside Stake Seventies Quorum.

The seventies have many important responsibilities, among some being -- missionary work, fellowshipping new members, holding open house, having missionary displays, having special nights at Temple Square Visitors Center for the families of the ward and any investigators who would like to attend, and assisting full-time missionaries.

Our group and quorum operates the Book of Mormon stand at the Salt Lake International Airport. There is an average of 400 to 600 Books of Mormon sold to travelers a month. We have operated this for about twenty or more years. We have Books of Mormon placed in the motels along North Temple which helps to spread the Gospel in our area.

Our group was also instrumental in the design of the new gold covered Book of Mormon. The seventies also participate in ward work projects, welfare projects, all ward activities besides stake activities and home teaching seventies and part-member families.

The seventies are a very important part of the Church to be able to fulfill their first and foremost assignment of missionary work, plus ward participation. They have a very busy and rigorous schedule in fulfilling the calling the Lord gave them. Each ward has a seventies group, and all ward groups combined into a stake organization is called a quorum.

> "High priests after the order of the Melchizedek Priesthood have a right to officiate in their own

> standing, under the direction of the presidency, in administering spiritual things, and also in the office of an elder, priest (of the Levitical order), teacher, deacon , and member."
> (D&C 107:10)

The 29th Ward high priests' group has always been an example of true Christian living for they have honored the priesthood they bear. They are home teachers to the high priests, widows and older singles. They have helped the bishopric and Relief Society in preparing Christmas baskets and delivering them to the widows of the ward. As the other priesthood quorums do, they study and learn the scriptures; many hold positions of responsibility both in administration, teaching and other assignments; and at the present time, one of the quorum members is our Stake President Floyd H. Gowans. They truly "magnify their callings."

One outstanding project they now have is a beautiful Book of Remembrance they are compiling The first page contains the title: *"HOW TO MAGNIFY YOUR CALLING."* (A picture is shown in the Melchizedek Priesthood section).

How to Magnify Your Calling!

With some inspiring words by Daniel Webster regarding "an association with our ancestors," the Roster and Book of Remembrance of the 29th Ward High Priests begins.

The project was started in commemoration of the 200th birthday of our nation to motivate quorum members toward the Church's personal history goals. This inspired idea was conceived by the group leaders and presented to the members of the group for acceptance. The brothers of the quorum were delighted with this thought and pledged their support. The group leadership at that time consisted of Herbert Gorzitze, with Karel Kramer and George Provstgard as assistants.

This Book of Remembrance was not and is not intended to be a Genealogical Record Book but rather a Roster, a Membership Book, in which certain happenings pertaining to the quorum history are recorded. It contains information on three separate sheets about the name and history of each member.

A regular LDS Family Group Sheet was chosen to not only show the name of the member, the date of his birth and ordination to the High Priesthood, by whom he was ordained, etc., but to also show the names and histories of his wife and children. The second sheet,a Pedigree Chart,will show the ancestors of the member. This sheet is followed by a third, a self-written history of the "Fraternity Brother." (However, when this book went to the press, not all had submitted their histories.)

The historical sheets of each member are followed by pictures and notes of certain happenings pertaining to quorum history. A picture is shown and a short history given of the first president of the high priests,the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr. Also shown are pictures of the old and new 29th Ward buildings -- meeting places of the high priests.

The following pages contain the Genealogy of the Chosen Line from Adam and Eve to Jacob and his sons, as well as the Heraldic Symbols of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and also the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as of the Centennial Year of 1976. Latter-day Saints temples up to the year of 1976 are shown. One sheet gives the names and serving dates of the group leaders from 1914 to the present.

In the year of 1973, it came to the attention of the high priests group leaders -- Herbert Gorzitze, Karel Kramer and George Provstgaard -- that the widows of the 29th Ward were missing out on regular family home evenings like the rest of the ward families were having. Several sisters were contacted to start such a group and one sister, Ann Beckstead, started with four of her close neighbors. This family home evening group meets regularly every other Monday afternoon.There is a picture of the nine attending sisters who are: Ruth Eyre, Agnes Nielsen, Rachel Coulson, Ann Beckstead, Signe Sydlinker, Blanch Trumbo, Pearl Putnam (who has since passed away), Beatrice Freeman and Thelma Larsen.

A copy of an historic letter dated June 8, 1978, entitled, *"Revelation extends blessings of Gospel"*, on one page is followed by another page showing Brother Ruffin Bridgeforth as the first negro high priest of the 29th Ward and as a member of the stake high council.

The following pages display beautiful handmade birthday cards which are the artwork of two of the brethren, Lorenzo Baldee and Karel Kramer. These cards were mailed to all high priests,their wives and the widows.

The last page of this loose-leaf Roster and Membership Book contain an inspiring quotation from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe which in essence says how happy is the individual who remembers his forefathers, their deeds, their greatness, and rejoices at being *"attached at the end of his beautiful chain."*

The high priests have attended many male endowment sessions in the Salt Lake Temple,as well as sealing sessions and other temple ordinances. They also went to the Logan Temple.

All of the quorums of the stake have been known for the enjoyable and outstanding socials they hold. The traditional annual stake high priest's banquet is one that is looked forward to where a delicious dinner is served and an outstanding program presented.

Several choice get-togethers of the 29th Ward high priests quorum have been held at the Karel Kramer home.At one,they learned German songs. At another,Sister Gerald Steenblik and some of her family performed musical numbers.At another,the Arthur Larsen family participated with singing and the showing of old unusual musical instruments.

At the Richard Westmoreland home,Earl Nelson, son of Wendell Nelson, entertained with magic; and Sister Doris Shutt gave a reading in the characteristic *"Cockney"* dialect. Lorenzo Baldee has shown them pictures of Mexico, and Herbert Gorzitze showed pictures of all the 21 "MISSIONS OF THE FATHERS" on the El Camino Real in California.

Under Herbert Gorzitze's direction,on February 28, 1978 a special evening for high priests, their wives, widows and special guests was held. The theme of the evening was: *"THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWS"* -- a choice program about Jewish traditions and culture. The guest speaker was Dr. Elliott Landau, professor of child development of the University of Utah. Mrs. Lynn White sang her own composition about the land of Palestine; Darlene Taylor sang a song in Hebrew; and Sherman Young, a great-grandson of President Brigham Young, spoke on his visits to the state of Israel. Elder Donald Rosenfeld, who had accepted the Gospel in Hartford, Connecticut, and now a member of the 29th Ward, told of his conversion as a Jew, and also sang. Brother Donald Thorp of the Brigham Young University showed a film on the Holy Land.

Another example of the good times was a talent show with Roger and Shirlene Magneson giving a reading skit, Russell Bowcutt played the electric guitar and Catherine Westmoreland gave a reading.

During the year, the Melchizedek Priesthood quorums have had various fund-raising events for the ward.

This is just a very brief resume of history, accomplishments, and activities of our ward Melchizedek Priesthood programs; but it is a positive indication of the faithfulness of our good brethren and their families who support them in their callings.

President Spencer W. Kimball in the General Priesthood Session of Conference on Saturday, October 4, 1975, said:

> "Brethren, it is really something to hold the priesthood -- to hold this advancing priesthood from deacon to teacher to priest -- and then to hold the priesthood which is permanent, permanent as long as we are worthy of it and which can be our shield and our way into the eternal worlds."

(Ensign, November 1975, page 81)

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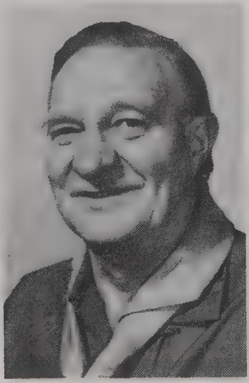
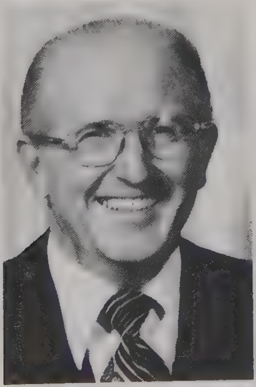
A. Riddell Barton

Cecil Trumbo

Herbert Gorzitze



Thomas Pettersson



Ralph R. Francis, Sr.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD
OFFICERS FOR PAST SIXTEEN YEARS

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188th Quorum

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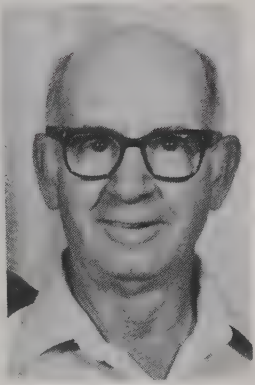

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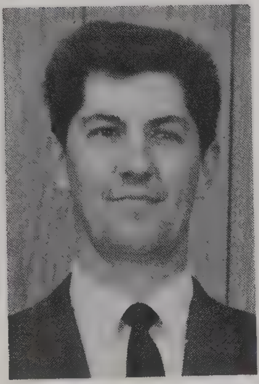

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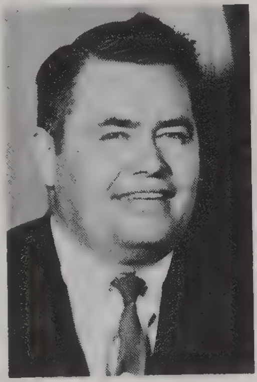

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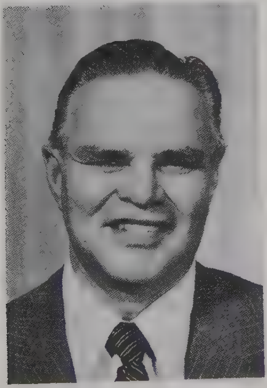

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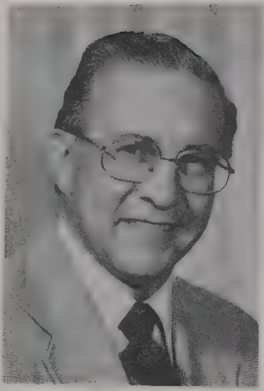
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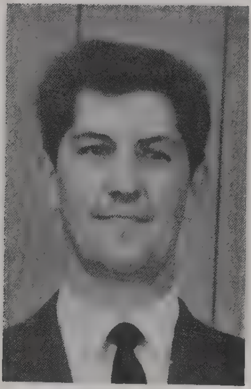
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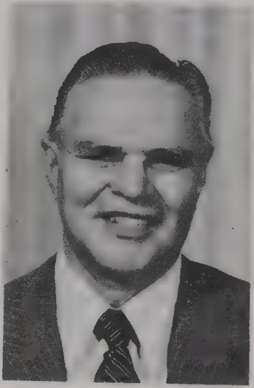
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2ND QUORUM SECRETARIES

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- Frank Ward
- Gerardus Kip

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- Gilbert O. Farnsworth
- Gerardus Kip
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Since 1963, ELLIOTT H. JENSEN has served in this capacity.

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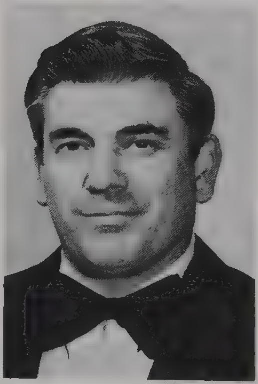

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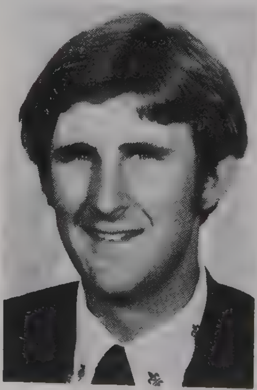

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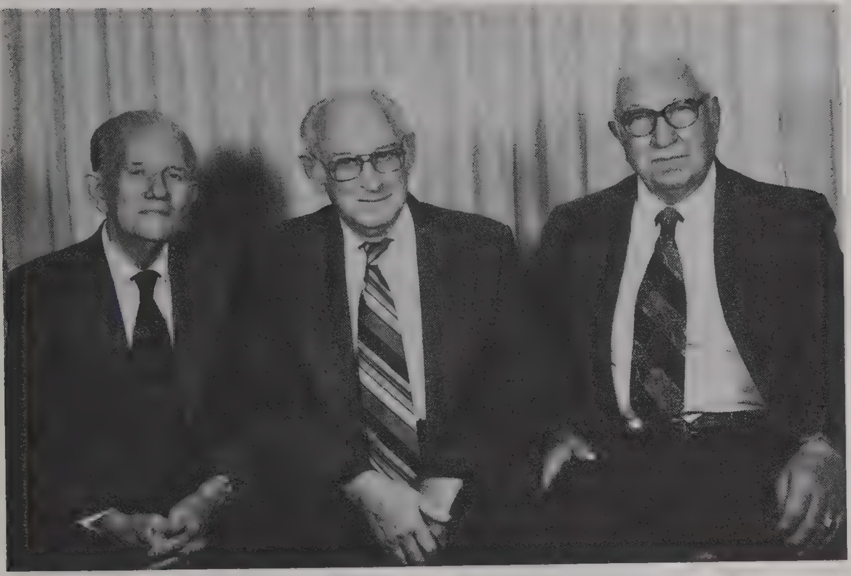

Karel Kramer, Herbert Gorzitze
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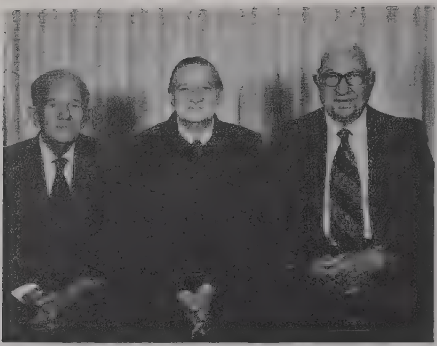
Sept.1973 - Dec. 1976

High Priests Enjoying Book of Remembrance, Compiled by High Priest Quorum in 1976.



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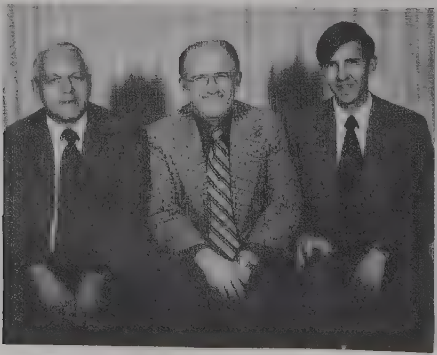

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Ruffin Bridgeforth, Helena Bridgeforth (Ruffin was President of the Genesis Group and one of the first of his race to become a High Priest.

Melvin Beckstead

SEVENTIES: Donald Rosenfeld, Arthur Larsen, Elliott Jensen and Charles Pettersson - Oct. 1978

ELDERS QUORUM - 1978

ELDERS QUORUM PRESIDENCY
Jim Kerekes, Pres. Roy D. Luker,
Brian C. Gough - 1976

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Steven Green, Lenard McLaughlin,
Pres.J.Randal Steenblik, Steven
Geurts - June 1978

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

> "Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness."
> (D & C 13)

In these latter days, the Aaronic Priesthood with all of its keys was restored on a beautiful spring day, May 15, 1829. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery had gone to the banks of the Susquehanna River to "inquire of the Lord regarding baptism for the remission of sins, that we found mentioned in the translation of the plates." (P. of G.P., Joseph Smith, 2:68-74). There while on their knees in humble prayer,they were surrounded by a bright light far greater than the noon sun, and as they listened, a voice spoke to them, the Savior of the World, Jesus Christ. They did not see Him, but heard His voice, and in front of them stood an angel, John the Baptist, who was acting under the direction of Peter, James, and John who held the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood which was conferred upon Joseph and Oliver a few weeks later.

Oliver Cowdery describes so beautifully and in such a sacred manner just what happend and what a glorious experience this was for these brethren. Because of the lengthy detail he goes into which will fill your soul with joy, it is suggested you read it from the History of the Church, Vol. 1, n.p. 43.

All the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood and Melchizedek Priesthood are held by the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "...there is never but one on the earth at a time on whom this power and the keys of this priesthood are conferred." (D & C 132:7). Thus,at this time, President Spencer W. Kimball holds those keys, and of course, we realize that it is impossible for him to perform all of the duties that are required, so he can delegate any portion of that power to another to perform the particular labor that is required of him, but every act must be done in the proper way, at the proper time and place, and in the proper order. The priesthood is the authority that is given to man to act for God. What a great responsibility this is to a priesthood bearer to make this commitment to honor this priesthood when it is conferred upon a worthy male member of the Church.

As President Marion G. Romney stated in his conference address at the priesthood session in April of 1973: (Conf.Rept.April6,7,8,1973,Pg.115)

> "When we accepted ordination to the priesthood, we covenanted with the Lord that we would magnify our callings. At the same time, he covenanted with us that if we do so, we shall be 'sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of (our) bodies' and 'become the sons of ... Abraham, and the church and kingdom, and the elect of God', and unto us shall be given all that the 'Father hath'."
> (See D & C 84:33-38)

The duties and responsibilities of the Aaronic Priesthood are sacred and important in the Lord's plan. It is given to the worthy male members of the Church by divine authority, usually at the age of 12 years, and any priesthood member can trace that authority back to Jesus Christ. It is a time of preparation to eventually receive the higher priesthood, the Melchizedek Priesthood.

Our beloved Prophet Spencer W. Kimball expressed his humble feelings regarding the blessings of the Aaronic Priesthood and what it has meant in his life:

> "I remember when I was a deacon. (It has been a long time ago, however.) I thought it was a great honor to be a deacon. My father was always considerate of my responsibilities and always permitted me to take the buggy and horse to gather fast offerings.

> My responsibility included that part of town in which I lived, but it was quite a long walk to the homes, and a sack of flour or a bottle of fruit or vegetables or bread became quite heavy as it accumulated. So the buggy was very comfortable and functional. We have changed to cash in later days, but it was commodities in my day. It was a very great honor to do this service for my Heavenly Father; and though times have changed, when money is given generally instead of commodities, it is still a great honor to perform this service.
>
> I am a deacon. I am always proud that I am a deacon. When I see the Apostles march up to the stand in a solemn assembly to bless the sacrament, and others of the General Authorities step up to the sacrament tables to get the bread and the water and humbly pass it to all the people in the assembly and then return their emptied receptacles, I am very proud that I am a deacon, and a teacher, and a priest.
>
> In our special meetings in the temple, when the Brethren of the General Authorities come up to the sacrament table to bless, then pass the sacrament, then my heart beats more audibly again and I am grateful that I hold the sacred Aaronic Priesthood and have the privilege of taking care of the sacrament.
>
> Then I remember it was Jesus Christ himself who broke the bread and blessed it and passed it to His Apostles. Then I am proud that I can do likewise."
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> (Ensign, May 1975, P. 79)

We have had and still have some fine young men in our ward who honor their priesthood and thereby bring blessings to us. We respect them for their faithfulness and are grateful to them for the example they give to each of us in living the principles of the Gospel.

A number of them have received the Duty to God awards which takes great effort on their part to achieve and complete the requirements. As far as we can glean from the records from January 1, 1963 to November 1, 1978 (and we hope no one has been left out - if so, we apologize), the following have received this award:

Bruce Eric Brown
Charles R. Pettersson
Richard Nielson
Floyd W. Gowans
Paul T. Smith
James T. Pettersson
Laney W. Nelson
Richard Goff
Robert Gowans
Kent Whipple
Arlyn Whipple
Roy D. Luker
Rex Baldwin

Good clean, wholesome entertainment and recreation is a part of life, and you can be sure that the Aaronic Priesthood has had their share. Through the years, they have participated in special activities and service projects. We could relate many of them, and these experiences that these young men have will always be cherished as they look back with fond memories on such special times.

As part of the commemoration of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, on Saturday, May 15, 1965, there was a stake Aaronic Priesthood Track Meet held at West High School, and our ward literally walked away with the grand prize. Our boys had a total of 112 points, and the second place was 55 points. There was a fifty-yard dash; 100 yards, 220 yards, and 440 yards relay race, and over 150 boys participated. There was also a high jump event. Our ward won six first places, six second places,and four third places in prizes. Of course, an important part of the occasion was the delicious eats -- footlong hot dogs, punch, and dessert. Those boys from our ward who won regulation softballs and bat for the ward (and candy for themselves) were Roger Brown, Kirk

Barton, Steven Usher, Max Hale, Randy Stone,Mike Whipple and Ron Bridgeforth.

In September of 1970, the A.P. Personal Achievement Program was started. This gave the young men an opportunity in consultation with their bishop to set their own goals.

In September of 1973, the Mutual Improvement Association, the Church's auxiliary for youth between the ages of 12 and 18, was officially retitled and reorganized to meet the needs of a changing time (this is explained in the YM-YW article). The auxiliary became known as the Aaronic Priesthood Young Men and Young Women. The reorganization provided an opportunity to develop a close relationship with existing Aaronic Priesthood programs and to provide an opportunity for youth to begin to develop leadership skills by planning, organizing and conducting meetings and activities.

The program's structure allowed for the presidency of the deacons, teachers and priests quorums to also serve as the youth leaders in the Scouting and Exploring programs. Furthermore, this program was again updated in September of 1977, and it is now as always, presided over by the bishop, and headed by a presidency that includes the priest quorum advisor, the teacher quorum advisor and the deacon quorum advisor, serving as the president, first counselor and second counselor respectively.

Moreover, quorum presidencies, as called by the bishop, serve as the youth leaders and are given the responsibility for leading, teaching and inspiring their peers.

On May 14, 1977, there was an Aaronic Priesthood Recognition Program announced. The stake presidencies and bishoprics could now recognize the achievements of Aaronic Priesthood quorums and individuals with letters of recognitition and commendation to them.

Another enjoyable occasion was in the spring of 1978. Jim Matern was the first assistant to the bishop and Than Childs was the second assistant in the priests quorum. After receiving an input of ideas, it was concluded to make Topaz Mountain and Antelope Springs the destination for one of their major trips of the summer. After spending countless nights talking about what they would eat and just what was needed to make the trip a success, Jim went out and bought some of the most delicious of foods.

A counselor to the bishop, Richard Whipple, volunteered the family camper which was loaded on an old 1962 Chevrolet truck, as the means of transportation. The trip was planned for a weekend because of the boy's several jobs that required attention during the week and was also on a holiday weekend so that an extra day could be worked in.

Ah, now for a long drive. It turned out good, though, for the boys sat in the camper and played games at the table while munching on goodies.Little was known about the area, only that it was dry and hot. They stopped at a beautiful reservoir on the Sevier River which they accidently found while looking for a place to eat their lunch. They later found that it was the D.M.A.D. Reservoir. It was a vertual paradise for water fowl, and a recluse for them. They spent Saturday afternoon and the evening swimming and hiking.

Sunday morning they went to the friendly ward at Lynndyl for priesthood meeting and Sunday School. In the afternoon, they attended Sacrament meeting at a ward in Delta. Later they drove to Topaz Mountain and stayed overnight where they were able to find some very interesting pieces of topaz. They then went to Antelope Springs where they spent a few hours splitting ancient shale and looking for trilobites (fossilized skeletons of sea creatures encased in stone). It was interesting to look into the distance and see the dry Sevier Lake and the beautiful desert in general. Each of the boys found a few specimens of trilobites for their collections and put another fun-filled adventure behind them.

Characteristic of the youth's desire for service has been (1) the priest quorum assignment to prepare and to take the sacrament to several shut-ins on Sunday in the ward area. Furthermore, (2) it has not been uncommon on a snowy Sunday morning to find Aaronic Priesthood bearers out shoveling the walks for our widows, and (3) the ward deacons have been given the assignment of taking care of our widows' lawns and gardens during the summer and have done admirably well.

Every young man (or older if a convert) should prepare themselves for ordination to the Aaronic Priesthood, one of the great gifts of God to man. President Marion G. Romney, second counselor in the First Presidency, in speaking to the priesthood of the Church in April, 1978 General Conference advised the Aaronic Priesthood members thus:

> "At twelve, most of you received the Aaronic Priesthood. To you, God actually delegated some of his priesthood power and authority. He has so much confidence in you that he has given you authority to perform certain functions in His Church -- functions which the Savior himself performed. When you perform them, your actions are just as sacred and authoritative as when Jesus or his Apostles performed them ...
>
> The blessings you will receive as you properly perform your assigned Aaronic Priesthood duties will be glorious.
>
> I hope you will have such a desire and a determination to so magnify your present callings that when you receive the Melchizedek Priesthood you will continue on until you are numbered among the 'elect of God' ..."

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AARONIC PRIESTHOOD
OFFICERS FOR PAST SIXTEEN YEARS

PRIESTS QUORUM UNDER 21

NOTE: The bishop is president of the quorum. The following served as secretaries or assistants:

Richard A. Fullmer
John L. Powell
Michael H. Gorzitze
Rex G. Baldwin
Blake A. Baldwin
Bruce E. Brown
Laney Nelson
Richard A. Goff
Robert B. Gowans
Charles Pettersson
Kent R. Whipple
Corey N.Farnsworth
W. Vaughn Johnson
Nathaniel J. Childs
C. James Matern
Mark D. Whipple

TEACHERS

FIRST QUORUM OF TEACHERS UNDER 21

President: Fred L. Ward
First Counselor: Rex G. Barton
Second Counselor: Craig W. Hardy
Secretary: Robert F. Nesbitt

President: Robert F. Nesbitt
First Counselor: Craig W. Hardy
Second Counselor: Dean W. Karren
Secretary: Marvin L. Kramer

President: Craig W. Hardy
First Counselor: Daniel D. Richards
Second Counselor: Dean W. Karren
Secretary: Marvin L. Kramer

SECOND QUORUM OF TEACHERS UNDER 21

President: Donald C. Howe
First Counselor: Brian L. Farr
Second Counselor Bruce K. Johnson
Secretary: Michael R. Whipple

(NOTE: This quorum was combined with the First Quorum because of reduced number of teachers under 21 since the ward boundary change of September 22, 1963.)

FIRST QUORUM OF TEACHERS UNDER 21

President: Daniel D. Richards
First Counselor: Dean W. Karren
Second Counselor: Marvin L. Kramer
Secretary: Wayne F. Smith

President: Wayne F. Smith
First Counselor: Rex G. Baldwin
Second Counselors: W. David Anderson,Jr.
Arlyn D. Whipple
Secretary: Roy D. Luker

TEACHERS (Cont'd)

President: Roy D. Luker
First Counselor: Gregory E. Smith
Second Counselor: Blake A. Baldwin
Secretary: Stephen R. Usher

President: Randy F. Stone
First Counselor: Kirk G. Barton
Second Counselor: Carl L. Coleman
Secretary: Bruce E. Brown

President: Russell A.M. Bowcutt
First Counselor: Paul T. Smith
Second Counselor: James T. Pettersson
Secretary: Paul J. Nesbitt

President: Richard A. Goff
First Counselor: Richard L. Nielson
Second Counselor: Glade H. Baldwin
Secretary: Bryan L. Matern

President: Robert Gowans
First Counselor: Antonius Kip
Second Counselor: Randy Nelson
Secretary: Charles R. Pettersson

President: Charles R. Pettersson
Secretary: Richard P. Pettersson

President: Kent R. Whipple
First Counselor: Brent J. Sudweeks
Second Counselor: Corey N. Farnsworth
Secretary: W. Vaughn Johnson

President: Corey N. Farnsworth
First Counselor: W. Vaughn Johnson
Second Counselor: Manuel Leos
Secretary: Mark D. Whipple

TEACHERS (Cont'd)

President: Mark D. Whipple
First Counselor: C. James Matern
Second Counselor: Nathaniel J. Childs
Secretary: Guy R. Christiansen

President: Nathaniel J. Childs
First Counselor: Fred W. Pettersson

President: Michael T. Clark
First Counselor: Fred W. Pettersson
Second Counselor: Myron D. Potter
Secretaries: Tom Kip
Kenneth F. Nash

President: Kenneth F. Nash
First Counselor: Darrel R. Syversen
Second Counselor: James S. Gowans

DEACONS

FIRST QUORUM OF DEACONS UNDER 21

President: Douglas Lee Wilcox
First Counselor: Ivan Jay McGavin
Second Counselor: William H. Barnhart
Secretary: Larry P. Mayo

President: Larry P. Mayo
First Counselor: Gregory E. Smith
Second Counselor: Tom A. Calegory,Jr.
Secretary: William H. Barnhart

President: Gregory E. Smith
First Counselors: Roy D. Luker
Carl N. Youngberg ,Jr.
Second Counselors: Carl N. Youngberg, Jr.
Blake A. Baldwin
Secretary: Kirk G. Barton

SECOND QUORUM OF DEACONS UNDER 21

President: Wayne F. Smith
First Counselor: Robert M. Barrett
Second Counselor: Arlyn D. Whipple
Secretary: Roy D. Luker

President: Arlyn D. Whipple
First Counselor: Roy D. Luker
Second Counselor: Rex G. Baldwin
Secretary: Blake A. Baldwin

President: Roy D. Luker
First Counselor: Blake A. Baldwin
Second Counselor: Carl N. Youngberg, Jr.
Secretaries: Kirk G. Barton
Don L. Venter

(NOTE: This quorum was combined with First Quorum of Deacons under 21 on Jaunary 19, 1964 because the number of deacons had materially decreased since the ward boundary change of December 22,1963.)

DEACONS (Cont'd)

FIRST QUORUM OF DEACONS UNDER 21

President: Kirk G. Barton
First Counselor: Kirk B. Harmon
Second Counselor: Bruce E. Brown
Secretary: Kevin R. Smith

President: Kirk B. Harmon
First Counselor: Bruce E. Brown
Second Counselor: Kevin R. Smith
Secretary: Russell S. King

President: Russell S. King
First Counselor: Paul T. Smith
Second Counselor: Paul J. Nesbitt
Secretary: Arthur G. Farnsworth

President: Paul T. Smith
First Counselor: Paul J. Nesbitt
Second Counselor: Glade E. Baldwin
Secretary: Bryan L. Matern

President: James T. Pettersson
First Counselor: Paul T. Smith
Second Counselor: Floyd W. Gowans

(NOTE: For a short time again a Second Quorum of Deacons was organized.)

President: Russell A.M. Bowcutt
First Counselor: James T. Pettersson
Second Counselors: Donald P. Childs
Craig K. Stevens
Secretaries: Laney W. Nelson
Max Jesse Hone, Jr.

DEACONS (Cont'd)

FIRST QUORUM OF DEACONS UNDER 21

President: Richard L. Nielson
First Counselor: Richard B. Schmidt
Second Counselor: Richard A. Goff

President: Floyd W. Gowans
First Counselor: Robert B. Gowans
Second Counselor: Paul K. Steenblik

President: Richard B. Schmidt
First Counselor: David B. Schmidt
Second Counselor: Charles R. Pettersson
Secretary: Antonius Kip

President: Robert B. Gowans
First Counselor: Charles R. Pettersson
Second Counselor: Antonius Kip
Secretary: David B. Schmidt

President: Richard Pettersson
First Counselor: Brent J. Sudweeks
Second Counselor: Kent R. Whipple
Secretary: Corey N. Farnsworth

President: Kent R. Whipple
First Counselor: Brent J. Sudweeks
Second Counselor: Mark D. Whipple
Secretary: W. Vaughn Johnson

President: Mark D. Whipple
First Counselor: Nathaniel J. Childs
Second Counselor: Allen Macari

DEACONS (Cont'd)

FIRST QUORUM OF DEACONS UNDER 21

President: Nathaniel J. Childs

President: Fred W. Pettersson
First Counselor: Myron D. Potter
Second Counselor: Thomas Kip

President: Myron D. Potter
First Counselor: Walter Brantzeg
Second Counselor: James S. Gowans

President: James S. Gowans
Second Counselor: James D. Clark
Secretary: Walter Brantzeg

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUNG MEN AND LEADERS

PRIESTS AND LEADERS - 1979

FRONT: Fred Pettersson, Bishop Richard Clifford, Michael Clark

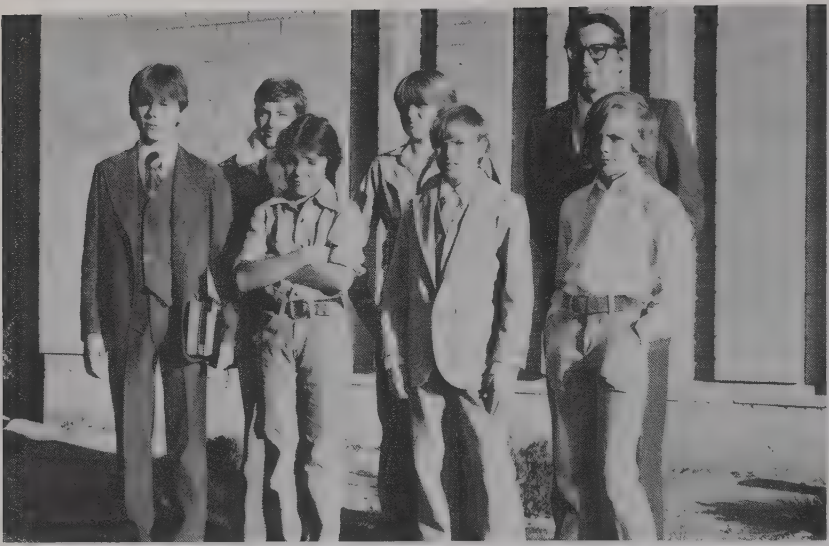
BACK : Advisor, Richard Goff, Kenneth Nash, Thomas Kip, Darryl Syversen Nathaniel Childs

PRIESTS

Nathaniel Childs, Michael Clark, Fred Pettersson, Advisor - Roger Magneson

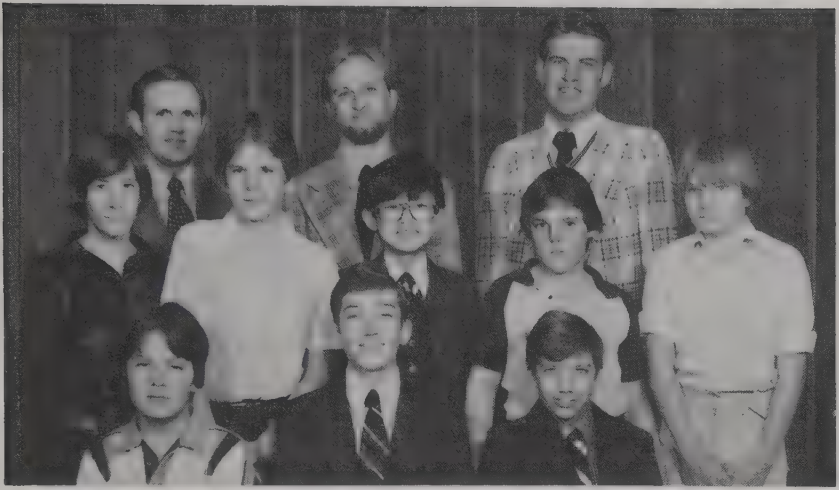
AARONIC PRIESTHOOD ADVISORS
Steven Clark, Roger Magneson, Bishop Richard Clifford, Barry Anderson

TEACHERS AND LEADERS
FRONT: Alan Pettersson, James Clark, James Gowans, Sherman Farnsworth, Wayne Nash
BACK : Ed Freeman-Advisor, Gordon Clifford, Douglas Pettersson, Adrian Cantu, Ralph R. Francis,Sr.



DEACONS - 1978
Gary Whipple, Sean Larsen, Danny Clark, Gordon Clifford, Fred Pettersson, Bishop Richard Clifford-Advisor, David Willardson

TEACHERS - 1978
Stephen Clark-Advisor,James Clark, Wayne Nash, James Gowans, Kenneth Nash, Todd Boswell, Darryl Syversen



DEACONS - 1978

FRONT: Rory Corona, Sean Larsen, Christian Larsen

2ND : Brian Cantu, Gordon Kraus, Joseph Gowans, Chad Connary, John Green

BACK : Ted Lewis, Steven Lund, Barry Anderson

DEACONS - 1978
Sherman Farnsworth, Douglas Pettersson,
Barry Anderson-Advisor

MISSIONARIES

Missionary work is not new with the restoration of the Gospel, for we read in the scriptures that it has been done since Adam and Eve came to earth. We find in the Pearl of Great Price that the Lord taught them the Gospel, and they, in turn, instructed their children.

In each dispensation, we can read how the prophets and others chosen by proper authority taught the people in the ways of the Lord. Just as today, some listened and obeyed, and others chose not to live as the Lord has commanded.

There are also precious souls who have not had an opportunity to hear the Gospel while here in mortality, so they, too, will be given that blessing. President Spencer W. Kimball has emphasized that missionary work goes beyond the veil through the work that is done in the temples, and this work is just as important as that which is done among the living, so temple and genealogical work has been accelerated.

In this last dispensation in which we are living, the Lord chose Joseph Smith to be His prophet and to be the instrument through whom the Gospel was to be restored to the earth in its fullness. One of the first things that was done was to send Samuel H. Smith on a mission (June 30, 1830) to the east to bring the truths of the Gospel to those who would listen.

In the early days of the Church, the Gospel was also taken to the Lamanites.The Lord called many of the General Authorities of the Church to go on missions. One particular calling was on July 8, 1838, at Far West, Missouri. "The Lord gave a revelation to the Council of the Apostles, calling them to the foreign field in Europe". They were to depart on April 26,1839. Amid great persecution and hardship, a majority of the apostles and some of the seventies departed on that day. Their courage and faith were strong, and they left without purse or script. Their families were suffering poverty, were destitute and ill. Their journey was long and difficult, some of them arriving in England on January 11, 1840, and the remainder on April 6th of the same year.

Some were likewise called to other lands, and in reading Church history, we find what great success was accomplished by their efforts in the mission field. With the exception of two or three who stayed on in England, the apostles returned home on April 20, 1841, together with a company of saints who had been converted to the Gospel. Great was their joy in seeing the fruits of their labors.

After the arrival of the saints in the Salt Lake Valley, certain families were called to settle various areas of the west, which was often a permanent mission assignment for them. How grateful we can be for their fortitude and faithfulness in responding to these calls. Likewise, at General Conference sessions in those early days, missionaries were called to serve in various parts of the earth, and their names were announced in the conference.

Each year brought additional missionaries, and today we have approximately 27,000 in many parts of the world, seeking out those who want to know the truth and are willing to learn the principles of the Gospel; who take upon themselves the covenants of the Gospel and become members of the Lord's true Church.

President David O. McKay has stated that "every member is a missionary," so that places a responsibility upon the shoulders of each member of the Church to let others know the blessings of the Gospel by example and in whatever way they find it best. Being a good neighbor is essential. Some serve full-time missions, others stake missions, some teach in priesthood quorums and auxiliaries, some are home teachers and visiting teachers. Any calling which a person receives in the Church is important, as members must also continually be taught the Gospel.

During World War II, the missionary program was greatly limited. Missionaries who were serving overseas were called back to the states to labor, and as elders were released, they returned home to go into the military service. Thus the number serving decreased rapidly, and only young men were called who were physically unable to participate in the war, as well as young women 21 and over who could do office work, older couples, and older men and women. When the war ended, the restrictions were lifted.

On January 31, 1951, because of the Korean War, certain qualifications were again given as to who could fill missions, (depending on the draft status of the individual) so The First Presidency asked for seventies to fill missions wherever possible, and so many married men served full-time missions then.

The labor missionary program originated in the South Pacific during the early 50's, and during 1960-62, it was expanded to include Europe, Asia, and Latin America. In July, 1963, this missionary phase of the Gospel was to include the United States and Canada. However, this type of missionary work has now been discontinued.

When the Vietnam War was started, once again the Church limited the number of missionaries who could serve. On September 22, 1965, The First Presidency announced that only two missionaries per year could be called, one every six months, and this quota was transferable within the stake. This, of course, applied to those of draft age and once again was dependent upon the draft status of the individual.

The Church has always believed in and practiced being good citizens and sustaining and obeying the law of the land. It has never wanted us to do anything that would be an infraction in anyway in circumventing the law. It is interesting to note the comments that Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve gave in a General Priesthood Conference talk on October 2, 1965, concerning this:

"I want to say that what has been done has been done voluntarily. For the past fifteen years I have worked with draft officials in matters affecting our missionary program. From the national director on down through stake directors and local board members,I have found them to be reasonable, fair, and disposed to be cooperative when they understand our program. Only two weeks ago General (Lewis B.) Hershey was in Salt Lake City and met President McKay and said in the course of that interview that it had been a pleasure to work with this Church over the years in this difficult matter, and particularly so in comparison with some other organizations with whom he had had to deal.

The repeated findings of the presidential appeal boards and the testimony of national Selective Service officials before both the Senate and House Armed Services Committees leave no doubt concerning the right of the Church to select, ordain, and send on missions such young men as we feel to call under our established procedures, and the eligibility of these young men for ministerial classifications. On the other hand, we recognize that the Selective Service System has an obligation under the law to meet certain requirements and quotas and that every young man in the United States who is a citizen , or who is in the United States as an alien under certain circumstances, has a military obligation imposed by the law...

...we can do several things to keep the work going without a serious reduction in results:

1. We can strengthen our stake missions, which, in terms of hours spent, are far more fruitful in converts than are our full-time missions in terms of hours spent.

2. We can resolve that each one of us will be a missionary as President McKay has requested from this pulpit.

3. Bishops can and should apprise the older couples in their wards who might be eligible for missionary service and who can give needed service under some circumstances.

Several bishops have been in during the last few days and have said that our young men have been saving money for years to go on missions. What shall they do? I say keep saving and praying. I think that every priesthood holder in the Church ought to pray for peace, and I have the faith that the Lord will hear and heed those prayers.

We know that wars will come upon the earth. The word of prophecy is clear on that. But somehow I feel satisfied that God will hear our prayers and that most of those who may not have the opportunity may help others to go. Some years ago a letter came to the office of the First Presidency reading substantially as follows:

> *'Dear Brethren:*
> *All my life I have dreamed of going on a mission. I saved my money to that end. Then during the Korean War I was wounded, and I now carry a metal plate in my head. Because of that you and my doctors have said that I should not go on a regular mission. I work hard all day shoveling sand in a brick and tile factory. From my small wages I have been able to add to my savings account. I have now withdrawn my savings and am sending you herewith a cashier's check for $1,500. Since I cannot go, please use it to help some worthy boy who can. I will share my savings with him and hope that he will share with me his joy as he labors in the ministry of the Lord.'*

> I hope that each young man who has been saving will go on saving and praying and preparing for that day when every boy who desires to go may go, and that in the meantime we shall have the faith to accept this program and live with it, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. "
> (CONF.REPORT Oct.1965,Pgs 100,102,103)

Permission was given for LDS missionaries to proselyte in Italy. Since 1862, there had been no missionary work by our Church there. During 1965, a zone of the Swiss Mission was established with approximately 20 missionaries laboring there, and on August 2, 1966, a formal Italian Mission was organized.

In June of 1969, the first missionaries went to Spain, and the mission was officially organized July 1, 1970. On November 1, 1969, the Southeast Asia Mission formally opened with headquarters in Singapore. Gradually, the work of the Lord was being taken to other areas of the world.

It was a joyful day for many when our country was a peace once again after the Vietnam War; and on July 14, 1971, the restrictions were lifted in the calling of missionaries. From then on, the number of missionaries continued to increase.

In 1971, additional missionaries were called who were known as Health Service missionaries. The first two included a doctor who was sent to Samoa and a nurse sent to Tonga. Then in February, 1973, the first pair (a couple) of agricultural missionaries was called outside of the United States to the Quatemala-El Salvador Mission. They were sent to help the members there learn how to get better production than they were then getting.

At the time the first Health Service missionaries were called, President Harold B. Lee had requested that missionaries be sent to certain areas to meet the temporal needs of the people, but he foresaw that the Church would be calling missionaries with all kinds of skills and helps. In 1975 they were called Welfare Service missionaries and include those having professional education and/or significant experiences in such professions as business administration, child development, counseling and guidance, career counseling, health education, medicine, nursing, management, nutrition, occupational therapy, social work, and special education; also, veterinary science, vocational agriculture, and vocational education. These are individuals who relate to the six areas of family and social preparedness.

They are called in the same manner as proselyting missionaries. They are under the direction of the mission president as a resource to district and branch presidents and welfare services committees. They may also help in stakes where stake presidents request it through the mission president who, in turn, gives them this assignment. They still remain under the direction of the mission president. As a general rule, these missionaries do not provide services which are available from local sources. As an example, those with medical backgrounds do not examine or treat patients or prescribe medications or perform other curative services. Rather, they teach correct principles and work so as to encourage the wise use of appropriate local resources or services.

They may also work with nonmembers in assisting proselyting missionaries by fellowshipping and preparing nonmembers to receive the discussions through Welfare Services-related activities. Inasmuch as they do not proselyte, they are not required to learn all the lessons, only the Joseph Smith story and the Word of Wisdom section. As of the 3rd week in October, 1978, there were 466 of these missionaries laboring in 49 different missions.

A report was received from one missionary who wrote from the Philippines Manila Mission in March of 1977:

> "We found that we were not getting through to the people by using the six elements as listed by the Church. One night I awoke with the thought that there should be some other words we could

> use that would have more meaning to these wonderful humble, faithful people. The next day I made six cards that I use. I first display the six elements as they are, then we hold the card which says 'Learn to Read and Write' over 'Literacy and Education.' 'Study and Prepare to Work' over "Career Development.' 'Spend Your Money Wisely' over 'Financial Management.' 'Grow and Store Food' over 'Home Production and Storage.' 'Have good Health' over 'Physical Health' and 'BE HAPPY' over 'Social and Emotional Strength'.
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> When I first approached the Stake Primary President about being involved, she replied: 'I just can't see where we can fit into your welfare program, but you can meet with the stake board anyway.' When we met with the stake board, she still had the same attitude, but when I placed my six cards over the original wording and explained each one as it could be explained to a child, they then became interested and replied, 'Oh, we can do that!'"

So each situation and country requires the appropriate training for their particular field of learning abilities.

Along with changes in all other organizations of our fast growing and expanding Church activities and responsibilities, the missionary system has likewise experienced many new programs, some of which have been heretofore mentioned. In June, 1972, it was announced that twenty-nine Mission Representatives of the Council of the Twelve had been called. The First Quorum of the Seventy had been assigned administrative responsibility for giving proselyting leadership throughout the Church. The Regional Representatives had the responsibility to supervise the teaching and training of members of the Church, while the Mission Representatives were to give counsel and training in how to proselyte nonmembers. Missionary activity was to be centered around the member referral program with emphasis on family conversions and fellowshipping of new members.

In about 1975, these Mission Representatives were released, and the Regional Representatives and Area Supervisors who had been called took over the assignments of the Mission Representatives. The seven presidents of the First Quorum of the Seventy now have direct supervision over the Area Supervisors, and the Area Supervisors are over the Missions. The Area Supervisors are General Authorities of the Church.

At this writing, by virtue of their calling, all seventies in the stake are stake missionaries, but are not necessarily "teaching" missionaries. They can be assigned to find those who are interested in hearing the Gospel who will then be taught by the full-time missionaries. They can also work with the full-time missionaries, and others are also called as stake missionaries.

For many years, there were no standard missionary lessons. In 1949, the Northwestern States Mission had what they called the Anderson Plan for the missionaries to use in teaching the Gospel. This started to spread to other missions throughout the Church, although some mission presidents developed their own teaching program. In June of 1961, the Church adopted a uniform system of teaching the Gospel to investigators which consisted of seven lessons and was used until 1973 when a new set of lessons was written. These are now the ones the missionaries learn and are used in their proselyting efforts.

On July 6, 1974, the names of all missions were changed to identify them with the geographical area served.

The missionary work of the Church was growing rapidly, and some areas where there were only stakes organized and had not yet had full-time missionaries were now given that status of being in a mission. We received that blessing on July 1, 1975, when the Utah Salt Lake City Mission was organized, taken from part of the following missions: Idaho Pocatello, Colorado Denver, Arizona Tempe, and Arizona Holbrook. Today it is one of the leading missions of the Church in convert baptisms and has brought to us an added awareness of the missionary program with an opportunity to participate in it more fully. We were now privileged to have full-time missionaries laboring in our stake.

On May 30, 1977, the Polish Government gave official recognition of the Church. Thus on August 24th of that year at 7:00 AM in a grove of trees in a quiet location in the beautiful Ogrude Saski Park, President Spencer W. Kimball dedicated the land of Poland, and he blessed the people that the work of the Lord might go forth in that country. Some eighteen persons were present to witness the dedication, and the spirit and solemnity of the occasion was a rich spiritual experience. Meetings will be allowed, and the communication from that country to Church headquarters will be easier. Those people who are interested in the Church will have an opportunity to be taught the Gospel. A Polish Conference of the Church was held in August, 1978, with 27 saints and friends attending. Elder James E. Faust, then a member of the presidency of the First Quorum of Seventy, was there.

Because of the violence between the government and the insurgent forces in Nicaragua, fifty full-time missionaries were withdrawn from there in September, 1978 - - thirty-seven on September 15th and thirteen by September 20th. It was not possible to evacuate all of them at once because of the conditions there, and the ones remaining were instructed to stay in their apartments. Through the Red Cross and amateur radio, attempts were made to contact them.

Also, with the assistance of the Peace Corps, some missionaries were able to leave the country which is a part of the Costa Rica San Jose Mission. These missionaries were reassigned within their mission.

In the Regional Representatives Seminar on September 29, 1978, President Kimball asked that the total number of missionaries be increased to at least 50% of the eligible young men 19 to 26 years of age,which would double the missionary force. He indicated in this meeting that the Lord is preparing the people in such countries as Africa, China, India, the Soviet Union, Saudia Arabia, and other Asian and European nations to receive the Gospel. The Lord has told us that it must be taught to all nations, kindred, tongue, and people; and even though, as President Kimball said, "we must move carefully and cautiously", as we do this, "we must move." There is nothing that the Lord cannot do, but we must do our part for "when we are ready, the Lord will use us for His purposes."

At the General Conference in October, 1978, President Kimball expressed in Priesthood Meeting how the Lord has given His people the charge of taking the Gospel to all people. He said,

> "We now have some 26,606 missionaries. Every week the number is increasing. There are many nations where we have not been able to get in, to get visas, or get passports; and it is very important. If we are to fulfill the responsibility given to us by the Lord on the Mount of Olives to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, then we will need to open the doors of these nations.... We've hardly scratched the surface. We need far more missionaries, and we need more countries that will think of us as being their friends and will give us an opportunity to come into their nations and give to their people the finest thing in the world - - the Gospel of Christ - - which can be their salvation and their great happiness."
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> (ENSIGN-November,1978,Pages 45,46)

He then plead with the saints to pray to the Lord,

> "that the doors of the nations might be opened to us and then, secondly, that the missionaries, the young men and women of the Church, may be anxious to fill those missions and bring people unto the Church....
> So I'm hoping that, beginning now, the prayers of the saints will be greatly increased from what they have been in the past, that we will never think of praying except we pray for the Lord to establish his program and make it possible that we can carry the Gospel to his people as he has commanded. It is my deep interest and great prayer to you that this will be accomplished."
> (Ibid,Pg.46) (Priesthood Meeting,October 1,1978)

From early times as missionaries have been called to their fields of labor, there has not always been a mission home provided where they could receive instructions before their leaving for the mission field. A place to stay when they came to Salt Lake to be set apart was needed. Bishop David A. Smith, a counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, first proposed the idea to the First Presidency in 1908, but at that time, no action was taken. In a meeting with the First Presidency in May, 1924, he again presented his idea for a missionary home - - a place where they might even be given some preparation and instruction prior to their mission. President Anthony W. Ivins of the First Presidency had said: "I think it's a shame that our boys are permitted to come to this city and wander around as they are doing. It seems to me we should have some place where we can take care of them and look after them while they are in the city." (CHURCH NEWS,Feb.3,1968,Pg.15)

President Heber J. Grant agreed that a place for the missionaries would be a good thing, so he appointed the Presiding Bishopric to select a building. A suitable building was located on North State Street behind the Beehive House - - one of three large houses that had been built between 1888 and 1891 by daughters of Brigham Young and their husbands and which were now being rented to private tenants. In reporting to the First Presidency their success, President Grant said: "When you go to remodeling and overhauling it, see that the building is made big enough for all future needs."

The home was ready for dedication in eight months, and on February 3, 1925, President Heber J. Grant offered the dedicatory prayer at a meeting where fifty people had gathered in the big front room of the missionary home. A month later, the first missionary group of five elders came to the home, and classes were held in the LDS University buildings and in the Bishop's Building until 1927,when another house was added to the missionary home, providing a classroom and more sleeping accommodations.The curriculum for the missionaries was of one week's duration and was later expanded to ten days.

On March 5, 1962, the missionary home was moved to the former New Ute Hotel at 119 North Main as more space was needed. This provided for 280 missionaries with 188 rooms on three floors. There were 20 classrooms equipped with blackboards and desk chairs, and a larger lecture room with seating for 260 people, a public address system, piano, a retractable screen for slides and moving pictures, and an air conditioning system. At that time there was a group of 140 elders, 22 lady missionaries, and 8 married couples.

There was a laundry room in the basement, a spacious lobby, and an apartment and office for the mission president and his wife. The new home had an intercom system which made it possible for the switchboard operator-receptionist to relay messages to any part of the building. Those assigned to the LTM in Provo would spend only a few hours at the mission home; and then would go to Provo Language Training Mission.

Later because the number of missionaries was rapidly increasing, it was necessary to secure another missionary home; and in October, 1970, the Church purchased the LaFayette Elementary School on North Temple and State Street. Extensive repairs were made, and the missionaries moved into the home in July, 1971, where 400 missionaries could be accommodated. Those who were going to English-speaking missions received instruction in five days of intensive training.

Those who were going to non-English speaking missions went to one of three Language Training Missions, depending on the assignment they had received, where they would spend the first two months of their mission, and they would learn the language, customs, and proselyting methods: The BYU in Provo, the Church College of Hawaii in Laie, Hawaii, or the Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

It is interesting to note the history of the Language Training Mission of the Church and the great strides it has made since it was first established.

As early as 1947, serious consideration was given by the First Council of Seventy to having a language training program; and in August of 1952, it was brought to the attention of the First Presidency by President Ernest L. Wilkinson of the BYU. However, the General Authorities thought it desirable at that time that the missionaries be trained in Salt Lake City near Church headquarters. There the General Authorities could help instruct, and also the missionaries received their endowments in the temple just before their departure into the mission field. Also, the BYU, even though they had the personnel who were able to teach nearly every language, did not have the necessary housing and classroom facilities which would accommodate this missionary program.

A committee was appointed by President Wilkinson in 1958 to investigate as to how the University could help in training missionaries who were going to countries where they spoke other languages; and in 1960, a proposal was prepared by Elder Henry D. Moyle to present it to the brethren.

September, 1961, saw additional problems with visas for missionaries who were assigned to Mexico. The Church had made special arrangements with Mexico which would permit missionaries to enter the country on a special visa so they would not have to have periodic exits as did the tourists. However, it would take between two and three months for their visa to be issued to them, so it was proposed by the BYU Committee that those called to Mexico could use their time profitably by attending a special school there where they would learn Spanish. The First Presidency approved this in September of 1961, and this was thus organized, but was expanded to include missionaries who were going to Argentina as they were having similar visa problems. The new program was called "Missionary Language Institute." At the beginning of the program, the missionaries were housed in the Hotel Roberts in downtown Provo; and by December 4th, there were twenty-four missionaries there, nineteen of whom were assigned to Argentina and five to Mexico. Classes were held at the BYU Alumni House.

The number of missionaries had increased by June of 1962, so they taught in the Allen Hall which became the first permanent home for the Institute. Portuguese was added to the program, and they were so successful in teaching these missionaries,not only the language, but the culture of the countries and to prepare them to go into the mission fields. Nineteen sixty-two saw 590 Spanish and 145 Portuguese-speaking missionaries attending this Institute, and the brethren felt it should have the status of a mission, so the director, Ernest Wilkins, was appointed as the president of the mission. In 1963, it was given the name of Language Training Mission.

The decision was made in July, 1964, to include German-speaking missionaries; so in September with added facilities needed, the Amanda Knight Residence Hall was also used for the Language Training Mission which was now called "LTM" for short.

As it expanded, March, 1967, offered training in the Navajo language and French in October. Mission rules were followed closely at the LTM, as their mission had begun when the missionaries entered there.

Facilities for proper physical exercise were provided, and also a separate cafeteria. Until 1966, they were legally students at the BYU, and academic credits (16 hours) were given at the conclusion of their three-month period there. This was terminated in 1966 because of objection from the Accreditation Committee. Today when a missionary returns, if he desires, he may receive these sixteen hours of foreign language credit if he passes a special examination in an advanced language course, after spending two years in the mission field.

It was decided by the Church leaders that in the spring of 1968, all missionaries who were going to foreign lands would be trained at an LTM. However, all the languages would not be taught in Provo, thus helping to strengthen other Church schools. So the Scandinavian languages, Dutch and Finnish were to be taught at a new LTM at Ricks College. At an LTM at the Church College of Hawaii, they would learn various Oriental languages and South Pacific languages. In September of 1972, however, the Tahitian language formerly taught at the Hawaii LTM was taught in Provo. These new missions were organized in February of 1969. In January, 1969, the twelve-week course was changed to eight weeks, and the school added the Italian language and Afrikaans, to be taught at BYU in March of 1970.

The Church Missionary Committee decided in November of 1973 to combine all of the LTM's at BYU. Missionaries who had been sent to Hawaii began arriving at Provo LTM on July 16, 1975, and those from Ricks College LTM on May 5, 1976.

In 1973, the Church announced plans to construct a large, single, self-contained complex of facilities on the north end of BYU. Ground breaking occurred on July 18, 1974, and by July, 1976, the buildings were completed with classes beginning on August 3, 1976. The facility was dedicated September 27, 1976 by President Spencer W. Kimball. At that time, the new facilities provided housing accommodations and training facilities for 1,304 missionaries, and using other facilities on the campus which included the St. Francis School which was leased from the Catholic Church, 914 missionaries were housed, which meant 2,218 missionaries could be accommodated at one time while 23 foreign languages were being taught.

While President Harold B. Lee was president of the Church, he said in describing the importance of this new LTM:

> "The approval of this new project will have the effect of making Provo the language capital of the world, with BYU the focal point, and I would just like to observe the approval of this project is not the end - - it is just the beginning."

The Church announced plans to construct a large addition to the new facility, and this will be completed probably sometime in 1979. It is interesting to note that from its beginning in December, 1961, up until September, 1976, there have been approximately 33,500 missionaries trained at the Provo LTM, and a great many more since that time.

Once again, a change became necessary in training missionaries prior to their entering their fields of labor; and October 26, 1978, saw the closing of the Salt Lake Missionary Home. Missionaries were now to report to the Missionary Training Center in Provo beginning Monday, October 30th; and those assigned to English-speaking missions would spend four weeks in training, and those going to foreign-speaking missions were to spend eight weeks. There they receive a very intensive missionary training program, which gives them an opportunity to become well acquainted with the principles of the Gospel and with the rigorous schedule of missionary life and receive a great appreciation for this blessing of serving in this calling.

The Church also now has training centers in Temple View, New Zealand and Sao Paulo, Brazil, and plans are being made for several others. There they train for one week the local full-time missionaries who are called from those areas. It was first started in New Zealand, and they conduct this training once each month. In Sao Paulo, Brazil, they come from all over South America, and each week the classes are held so one can certainly see that Latter-Day Saints are responding from all parts of the world to missionary calls.

As of November, 1978, there were 165 missions and 53 Visitors Centers where likewise missionaries labor.

We have had, now have, and will have many faithful members of our ward contribute to the great missionary program either through service, monetary contributions, or other means. All of them could relate spiritual experiences they have had and the many blessings they have received, and we wish it were possible to so record them, but of course, space would not permit it. However, this we know, these are priceless in the lives of those they affect and shall always be cherished memories through the eternities.

Since the restoration of the Gospel, missionary work has gone forth with zeal; and from the early days and the hardships they endured in bringing the Gospel to others until the present time with such an accelerated program, being a missionary is a tremendous responsibility. In one way or another, we can each do our part, and great will be our joy.

"And if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

"And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!."
(D&C 18:15-16)

FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES

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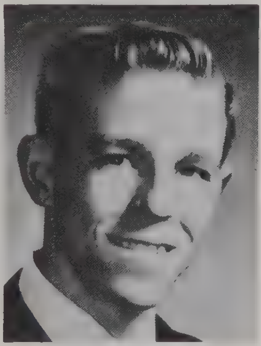
Orlyn Wachter
California Mission
2/4/63 -(to RosedaleWard)

Theodore I. Geurts, Jr.
Western Canadian Mission
6/26/63 - 7/1/65
(Transferred to Rosedale Ward)

Sharilyn Gerber
West German Mission
6/26/63 - 6/20/65

Joanne A. Schmidt
Eastern States Mission
9/11/63 - 3/17/65



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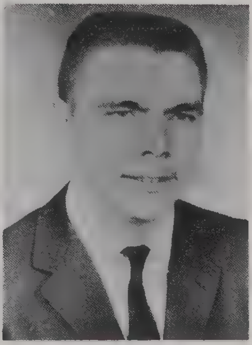

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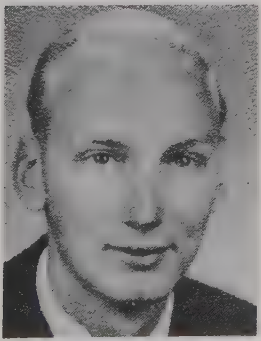
2/25/65 - 3/2/67



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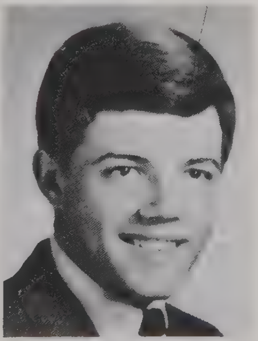

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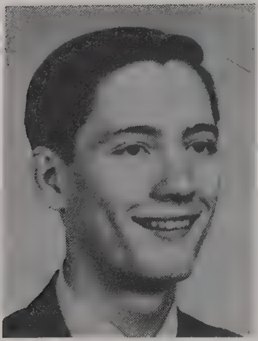
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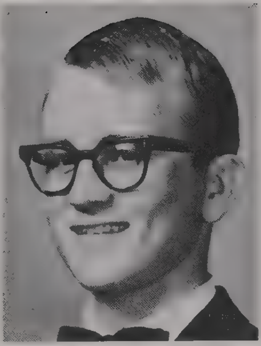
9/66 - 9/22/68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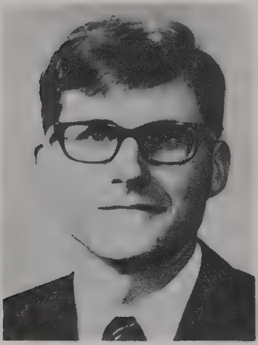
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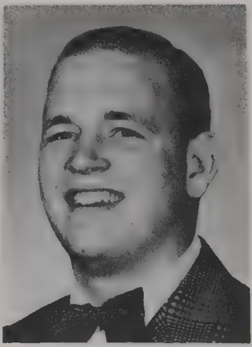
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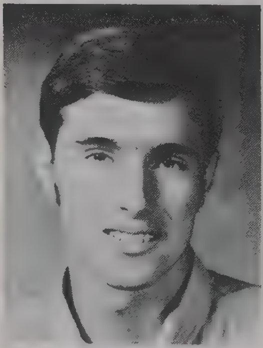
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Herbert Gorzitze
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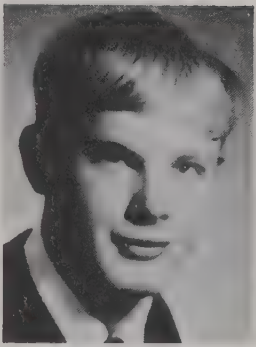
Swiss Temple
4/30/71 - 2/28/73

Margarethe Gorzitze
Bureau of Information
Swiss Temple
4/30/71 - 2/28/73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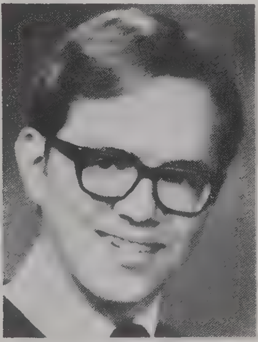
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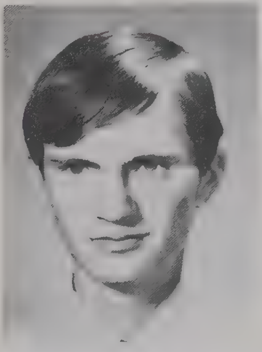
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1/12/73 - 1/24/75

Paul T. Smith
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7/13/73-7/12/75

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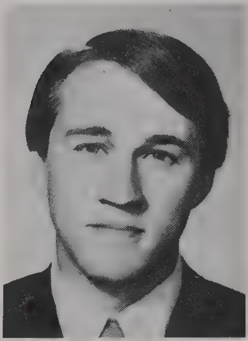
11/9/73 - 10/30/75



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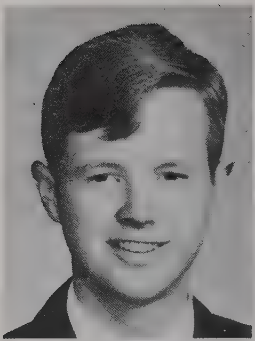

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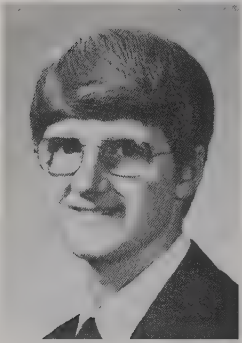

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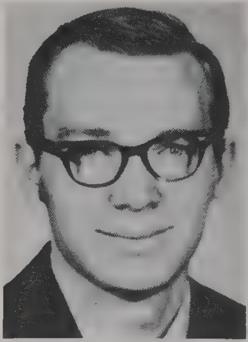
5/9/75 - 5/6/77



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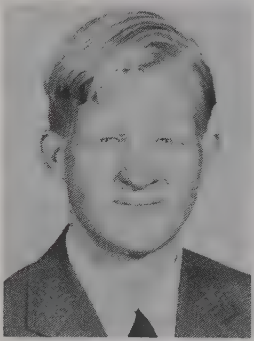

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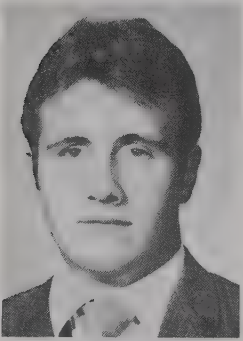

W. Randall Nelson
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LaDawn Luker
England London Mission
4/30/76 - 11/5/77

Ruth Ann Smith
Australia
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7/30/76 - 2/21/78

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Chile Osorno Mission
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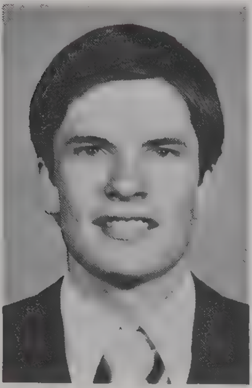
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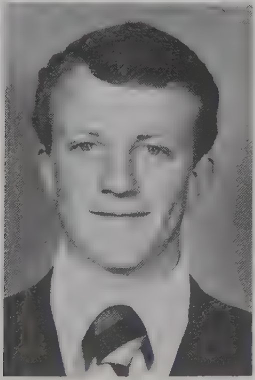
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Grant Dee Nelson
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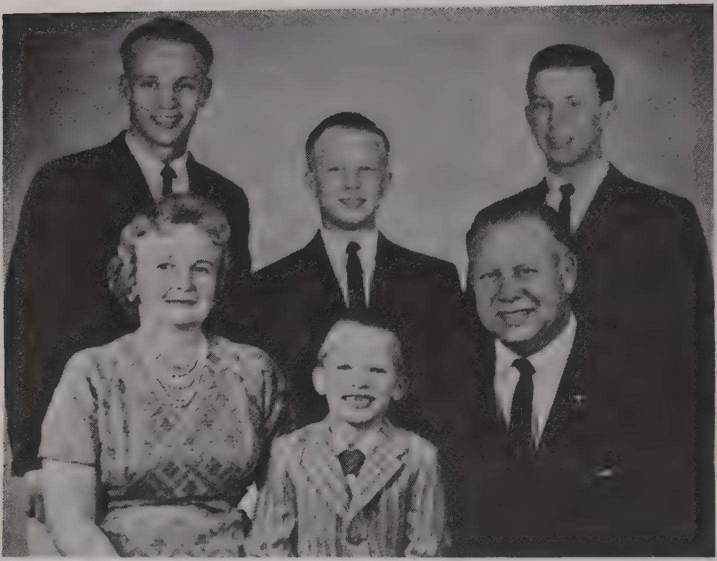
6/76 - 6/78 (From Rosedale Ward)

James Dershe
Building Missionary



Theodore I. and Fay T. Geurts Family
Hawaiian Building Mission
March 27, 1961 - June, 1962

Rulon and Connie H. Blosch Family
Australian Building Mission
December 27, 1963 - Nov.4, 1965

A. Wesley and Ruth Hardy Family
Western Canadian Mission
June 1, 1964 - July ,1966

Claudia Nesbitt
Special Call to Participate
in Hill Cumorah Pageant
July, 1970

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is one auxiliary that has a direct effect on every individual member of the Church. Their objective is: "The primary responsibility for teaching the Gospel is the home. The Sunday School is an auxiliary to the home in this responsibility. The Sunday School objective is to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every member of the Church and to Church investigators who attend Sunday School."(Sunday School Manual)

After the Church was restored in these latter days, Sunday School was organized in Kirtland, Ohio when the saints were living there. It was organized in the European Mission as early as 1840 when Brigham Young was presiding over that mission. They were held in Nauvoo and at Winter Quarters.

As the saints came west, the first Sunday School in the Rocky Mountains was organized December 9,1849. Richard Ballantyne was inspired to establish the class to teach the Gospel. During the summer and fall, he labored to build a house for his family and a room where they could hold Sunday School. Invitations were given to neighboring children to attend the first Sunday School on December 9th. Even though two days before a heavy snowstorm had fallen, and of course, the weather was very cold that Sunday, by 8:00 AM, the room was filled with thirty children. He dedicated the building, and he began to instruct those who were present. From that beginning Sunday School of thirty students and the teacher (he was also the superintendent), by 1896, there was a membership of 100,000. In 1963, there were 5,869 Sunday Schools in the Church, 123,188 officers and teachers, and 2,004,235 members. Today, everyone 3 years of age and older are enrolled in Sunday School.

Our ward has been blessed with some outstanding superintendencies, teachers, music directors and organists, and other leaders who have taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ through leadership, word, and music to thousands of individuals, thereby helping to strengthen their testimonies. This is a very sacred obligation as the Lord has instructed

His children to learn the Gospel line upon line, precept upon precept.

Here we learn reverence, one of the greatest principles. We have been counseled by our leaders to be reverent in our Father's house.

Our appreciation for beautiful music grows as we sing the songs of Zion. We renew our covenants with the Lord by partaking of the sacrament. We have opportunities to give talks and participate in class discussions.

One tradition in Sunday School is to present remembrances to the mothers on Mother's Day and have a special program which is always a wonderful occasion for some very "choice" individuals - - our mothers. This year (1978), the Sunday School paid honor to Esther Nelson prior to her passing, by presenting her with a special gift and also one at Christmas.

Two years ago, the Jr. Sunday School implemented an annual program on Father's Day for fathers and grandfathers, some very other "special" individuals, and what a joy the Jr. Sunday School receives in preparing and giving these presentations.

We have always been blessed with some outstanding personnel in our Jr. Sunday School who love children and want to help them in every way it is possible to grow up to be good men and women. Each of our coordinators and their assistants and secretaries, along with their teachers and other leaders, have directed this division of Sunday School in a commendable, unselfish way, with love in their hearts for these sweet children who want to be taught in the ways of the Lord and to know what is right and wrong. What is more joyful than to hear or see one of these special little ones participate in our meetings and activities.

When Sister Gladys Baldee was coordinator, during three years of that time, the children were given an opportunity to give a talk in Sacrament meeting once a month. This was a great lesson to these youngsters as they learned to speak from memory without reading it, and many have commented as they are now grown that this taught them how to speak freely without having to read their talks. With the cooperation of the parents and the leaders, this was accomplished.

When Sister Baldee was released from Jr. Sunday School because of health problems in 1968, she had served 43 years in this organization, 3/4 of the time as coordinator. What a marvelous contribution she had made for good in the lives of hundreds of young children.

Until recently, over a period of time, one of the goals of the Jr. Sunday School was having every child being able to give a prayer and the sacrament gem by himself or herself. Certificates were given to the children for perfect attendance, giving prayers, sacrament gems, talks, and participation in programs which were presented by them. In the Senior Sunday School, they generally are part of the Christmas, Mother's Day, and Easter programs, and surely these special occasions would not be complete without them. They add a sweetness and spirit that can be had in no other way. Under the direction of the bishopric, the Jr. Sunday School now helps present the children's Sacrament meeting presentation with the Primary.

On a recent Mother's Day program. Sister Lucile Edens, our present coordinator, received a very pleasant "surprise" gift when she was presented with a remembrance book which contained highlights of the Jr. Sunday School and included most of the individual pictures of the little children. Each Sunday, a picture is taken of one child who has been the outstanding student that day.They endeavor to have each child's picture eventually taken, and a book is compiled and will be given to a special person at some future time. Sister Edens was the first recipient of one of these books.

Our Senior Sunday School likewise has a wonderful group of choice leaders who teach us the truths of the Gospel each Sunday morning. Much time and effort goes into the preparation of these lessons that we may learn and understand and apply into our lives these Gospel principles. We enjoy singing the beautiful hymns under the direction of some capable musicians, listen to some choice talks, and partake of the holy sacrament.

Even though the basic purpose of Sunday School is still to teach us the Gospel, it is interesting to note some of the changes in procedure that have taken place through the years under the direction of the General Authorities.

In the early Sunday Schools, there was no coordination as each school was a distinct unit. The main text was the Bible, and in some of the Sunday Schools, the alphabet and other fundamentals were taught in addition to the principles of the Gospel.

In 1866, the need for coordination of Sunday School on a Church-wide level was recognized, and thus the Church magazine, The Juvenile Instructor, was brought into being. Some in the ward remember very well this choice publication when it was later called The Instructor. It was of great help to both teachers and members in general.

The Church organized "The Parent Sunday School Union" in 1867, with George Q. Cannon as president; and in 1872, it became the "Deseret Sunday School Union", with Brother Cannon serving as superintendent.

The Sacrament was first introduced into the Sunday School in 1877 "by direction of the First Presidency."

Eighteen ninety-one saw the Nickel Sunday instituted which was later changed to Dime Sunday in 1917 and Budget Fund Sunday in 1954, and now this has been discontinued.

The beginning of departments for adults in LDS Sunday Schools on a Church-wide basis was started in 1906, and 1916 saw lesson texts replacing outlines as the Sunday School courses of study.

The General Authorities of the Church inaugurated the Priesthood Sunday School plan in 1928. It was desired that all members of the Church have an opportunity to receive formal religious instruction, and at a time that was most convenient, so they held Gospel study periods with the Aaronic Priesthood and Melchizedek Priesthood in Sunday School, and at the same time,the girls and women received Gospel lessons. However, this was changed January 1,1938, ten years later, when the priesthood meetings were held generally preceding Sunday School.

Instead of having quarterlies for the course of study, after about 10 years, in 1940,manuals which gave the entire year's course for the various departments were prepared, and four years later,teachers' supplements were printed.

When the correlation program of the Church was announced in 1962 at the October General Conference, the Sunday School manuals were correlated under this plan.

The name Deseret Sunday School Union was changed in 1971 to Sunday School,The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and in August of 1972, the name superintendent and assistants were changed to president and counselors.In July of that year,the memorized concert recitations were discontinued. A very important decision was made in January of 1972 when the adult courses would emphasize the study of the scriptures; and beginning with the 1972-73 season, an eight-year curriculum plan was started for the Gospel Doctrine class.As outlined by the First Presidency, the Sunday School is ,"to study the scriptures as they are, for what they are, and for the invaluable lessons, teachings, experience, and guidance they contain and offer us today."

A rich, rewarding experience for families was provided when the family spiritual presentations began in November, 1972, on a monthly basis. Sunday School greeters also became an important part of the Sunday School.

Nineteen seventy-five saw the discontinuance of Sunday School conferences on a general basis which had been held at April and October General Conference time. What was formerly known as hymn practice is now "Worship Through Music," a very appropriate title as we express our feelings through singing the songs of Zion. We have had many wonderful Sunday School choristers, but particular mention should be made of the time and dedication of Sister Leone Powell, who for many years has led the "Worship Through Music," and done a very commendable job.

Besides the Gospel Doctrine Class, there are three additional classes offered for the adults now: Genealogy which anyone can attend; Gospel Essentials for investigators, recent converts, or inactive members; and Family Relations for married couples who should be encouraged to attend this class at some time. These classes are all a twelve-week course, and when they are completed, the members should return to the Gospel Doctrine Class.

A valuable aid to the Sunday School is the library, and we're richly blessed in our ward and stake to have an excellent library from which to draw any aids we may need in teaching.

> "The calling of theGospel teacher is one of the noblest in the world. A good teacher can make all the difference in inspiring boys and girls and men and women to change their lives and fulfill their highest destiny."
>
> (President Harold B. Lee)

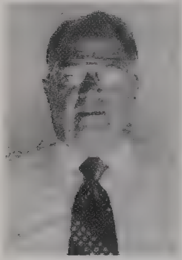
When we think of Sunday School, our minds reflect upon religious service where we learn the Gospel, where we sing beautiful hymns, partake of the Sacrament, a time we worship together on the Lord's Holy Day, a time of rest from our daily labors when we are renewed in our faith and spiritually fed.

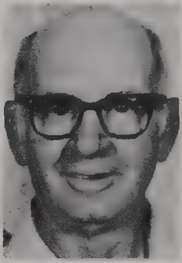
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRESIDENTS

Glen S. Powell
10/15/61-10/15/67

Fay B. Hardy
10/15/67-1/4/70

George Meredith
1/4/70-4/19/70


Richard Westmoreland
4/19/70-10/15/72


C. Jay Sudweeks
10/15/72 - 9/25/77

Jeffery Turner
9/25/77 -----

JR. SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Gladys Baldee
1957 - 7/21/68

Florence Savage
7/21/68-12/20/70

Mary Connary
12/20/70 - 7/7/74

Lucille Edens
July 7, 1974 ---

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR PAST SIXTEEN YEARS

SUPERINTENDENT
GLEN S. POWELL

First Assistants:
- Thomas V. Fitzpatrick
- J. Reed Babcock
- J. Gerald Burningham

Second Assistants:
- J. Reed Babcock
- Richard P. Syversen
- J. Gerald Burningham
- Horace E. Thayn
- Donald A. Childs
- Arvil R. Wilson

Secretaries:
- Estrid Stokes
- Marie Durrant
- Rebecca Richards
- Mary Ann Baldee
- Joyce B. Jones
- Berith F.Floisand

SUPERINTENDENT
FAY B. HARDY

First Assistants:
- Arvil R. Wilson
- Lawrence H. King

Second Assistants:
- David R.Watson
- Lawrence H. King
- J. Gerald Burningham

Secretaries:
- Mary Ann Baldee
- Shirley Farr

SUPERINTENDENT
GEORGE M. MEREDITH

First Assistant:
- Carlos Jay Sudweeks

Second Assistant:
- Robert F. Nesbitt

Secretary:
- Shirlene Farnsworth

SUPERINTENDENT
RICHARD H. WESTMORELAND

First Assistant:
- Carlos Jay Sudweeks

Second Assistant:
- LeRoy W. Jensen

Secretaries:
- Shirlene Farnsworth
- Shirley Farr

(NOTE: In October 1971, title changed to President and Counselor)

PRESIDENT CARLOS JAY SUDWEEKS

First Counselors:
- LeRoy W. Jensen
- Carl N. Youngberg

Second Counselors:
- Carl N. Youngberg
- Russell Bowcutt

Secretaries:
- Shirley Farr
- Elaine Childs
- Cynthia Nielson
- Christy Buckway
- Cindy Sudweeks

PRESIDENT JEFFERY TURNER

First Counselor:
- Carl N. Youngberg

Second Counselor:
- Russell Bowcutt

Secretaries:
- Christy Buckway
- Cindy Sudweeks
- Traci Hunter

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR PAST SIXTEEN YEAR

COORDINATOR GLADYS BALDEE

(Has served 43 years in Jr. Sunday School - about 3/4 of this time as Coordinator)

Assistant Coordinator:
  Claudia Nesbitt
Secretaries:
  Barbara Sudweeks
  Karen Sudweeks
  Claudia Nesbitt

COORDINATOR FLORENCE SAVAGE

Secretary:
  Sharon Pettersson

COORDINATOR MARY CONNARY

Assistant Coordinator:
  Florence Savage
Secretaries:
  Sharon Pettersson
  LaDawn Luker
  Lois Pettersson

COORDINATOR LUCILE EDENS

Assistant Coordinator:
  Florence Savage
Secretary:
  Vera Catmull

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP
(In front of new Chapel)

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS & TEACHERS

Vera Catmull, Florence Savage, Lucille Edens, Ellen Marcellus, Marice Wilcox, Barbara Turner, Marjorie Nelson, LaDawn Luker, Patty Francis, Jeanne Goff, Russell Bowcutt, Carl Youngberg, Jeffery Turner AND JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
FRONT: Florence Savage, Lucille Edens, Richard Whipple, Jeffery Turner, Carl Youngberg
BACK: Irvin Luker, John Wilkinson, Donna Smith, Sister Mitchell, Lee Mitchell, Drusilla Newman, Barbara Turner, Roy Luker, Marjorie Nelson, LaDawn Luker, Charles Pettersson, Mary Jane Emrazian, Leone Powell

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP - 1979
Lucille Edens, Coordinator and
Florence Savage, Asst. Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
FRONT: Vera Catmull, Becky Richards,
BACK : Donald Childs, Glen S. Powell,
Gerald Burningham

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY 1978

Cindy Sudweeks, Supt.Jeffery Turner,
Cary N. Youngberg, Russell L. Bowcutt

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vera Catmull, Florence Savage, Lucille Edens,
Marice Wilcox, Ellen Marcellus

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lucille Edens, Florence Savage Receives
Jr. S.S. Book of Remembrance

RELIEF SOCIETY

Relief Society - - a very special and sacred meaning to women throughout the world. Ever since Joseph Smith organized this great auxiliary on March 17, 1842, under the direction of our Father in Heaven, it has played an important role both in the lives of individuals as well as the Church in general. It was originally called "The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo," and as far as can be determined from history records, this was the first organization of women in the world.

> "The Prophet Joseph Smith outlined the purpose of Relief Society in his instructions at early meetings. These have developed in the society as follows: to manifest benevolence; to care for the poor, the sick, and the unfortunate; to give assistance at time of death; to give guidance and training to the sisters in homemaking arts and skills; to foster love for religion, education, culture, and refinement; to develop faith; and to study and teach the gospel."
>
> (Relief Society Handbook, 1976)

He further added:

> "If you live up to your privileges, the angels cannot be restrained from being your associates."

What a glorious promise!

This great organization started with 18 members, but as the years have come, there has been a tremendous increase in numbers of Relief Society members. In 1942, there were a little over 100,000 members, and we now have over a million members. Can you realize the impact this has in giving women opportunities to serve, to learn, to help their families, and to enjoy the association of their fellow sisters.

As changes have come in the over-all procedures of conducting the affairs of this auxiliary the principles for which it was organized are still foremost in its aims of helping to improve and provide for the needs of the daughters of our Father in Heaven.

In his October Conference 1978 talk, Elder Boyd K. Packer gave some inspiring remarks concerning the role of the Relief Society. He emphasized that

> "Relief Society is for virtuous women, for steady women, for organized women. It is for reverent women, for spiritual women, for diligent women, for married women and for the unmarried, for women young and old.
>
> Into its ranks are invited those women who are unsteady or disorganized, the lost, careworn women. The Relief Society is an unmeasured blessing to lonely women."

He further said:

> "Sisters, it is your duty to attend Relief Society, just as it is the duty of the brethren to attend their priesthood meetings.
>
> It is as obligatory upon a woman to draw into her life the virtues that are fostered by the Relief Society as it is an obligation for the men to build into their lives the patterns of character fostered by the priesthood." (ENSIGN - November,1978,Page 8)

In 1963, Donna Smith was serving as president of the 29th Ward Relief Society, having been sustained September 10, 1961. As she expressed:

> "A president cannot be a good president without good counselors and good workers, and this was my happy lot during the time I was in to have good sisters to work with."

During her tenure of office her counselors were Maye K. Turner, Jeanne S. Goff, Mildred Whipple, Marie L. Birky, and Fay C. Nielson; and her secretaries were Fim Kramer and Leola Pettersson.

While she was president, almost every month they had a welfare or budget dinner, and the Relief

Society was in charge, with large crowds attending. Often tables had to be set up on the stage and also in the Jr. Sunday School room, in addition to those already set up in the cultural hall. With the tiny kitchen being downstairs, this made considerable work for the sisters.

They had some delicious luncheons and parties in the Relief Society. They were blessed to have a very special sister, Leah Martin, who prepared all of the luncheons along with the help of her mother, Ann Beckstead.

On March 17th each year, all of the living past presidents of the 29th Ward Relief Society were invited to a special Birthday Party. On one occasion, not only the past presidents were invited but many former members of our ward, and this was an especially nice affair.

At this time, the Relief Society was self-sustaining. The funds which they made at bazaars were used as needed or desired. The sisters were constantly making beautiful items such as quilts, dishtowels, pillowcases, aprons, etc. to sell at the bazaars.

When Donna Smith was released, a beautiful quilt was presented to her under the direction of Marie Birky. Each one of the sisters who had worked with Donna as an officer or teacher made a block on which she embroidered her own name. In the center of the quilt was a block with the names of the stake Relief Society presidency and secretary, and this is a very special keepsake to her.

On May 2, 1965 after nearly four years of faithful service, Sister Smith was released and Sister Marie Birky was sustained as president. She,too, expressed her appreciation for those who worked with her:

> "A president is nothing without good counselors, and I had real good counselors," namely:

Fay C. Nielson, Leola S. Pettersson and Vondell M. George, and secretaries Vondell M. George and Kathleen Mortensen.

They felt the Relief Society room was very drab and needed a facelift. Along with the Riverside Ward, they were instrumental in making the room very beautiful. Among the items purchased was a set of new tan chairs, because they were not sure the red chairs would go with the green carpet and the decor of the room. However, the new chairs were not very comfortable, so after a month, they went back to the old comfortable chairs.

One thing they tried was to get a night Relief Society started as there were so many sisters in the ward who were working or had small children and could not come to the daytime meeting. This would give them an opportunity to get in on the lovely things that were going on in Relief Society. Although they worked hard, they were sorry that they were not able to accomplish this, but they did plant the seed.

They were very happy about the success of a bazaar they held that netted them $600.00. That was the largest sum of money that they had made so far at bazaars, and they turned some of it over to the bishop for general ward use because they did not need that much for Relief Society.

After devoted service, Sister Birky was released on August 28, 1966, at which time Afton Luker was sustained as president.

Shortly after the new officers were sustained, the Relief Society held a bazaar. The hall upstairs was devoted entirely to food -- a full-course meal was served, and other kinds of food were available. The Jr. Sunday School room and the Relief Society room was filled with toys and other bazaar items. It was planned that assignments of the various responsibilities be given to the officers and teachers, leaving the presidency free to take care of whatever needed their attention. The day before the bazaar, Fim Kramer, a counselor, was taken to the hospital with appendicitis. The morning of the bazaar arrived, and Fay Nielson, the other counselor, was flat on her back with the flu; so Afton, the president, was left with the complete responsibility of coordinating everything, but with the help of the other sisters and their willingness and ability, they had a successful bazaar.

In January, 1967, the first official 2nd session of Relief Society was inaugurated in the 29th Ward. The meetings were held each Wednesday evening, thus enabling the working women and those sisters who could not otherwise attend to benefit from the wonderful Relief Society program. Inasmuch as there were no other night sessions of Relief Society in the stake, many sisters from other wards would come. The 29th Ward and Riverside Ward, sharing the same building, decided to make this night meeting a conjoint one. This worked very well, and the blessings of Relief Society were made available to all women.

March 17, 1967, was the 125th anniversary of the Relief Society. This was a very special occasion, and the 29th Ward and Riverside Ward united in the celebration held on Friday evening, March 17th. Husbands and children were invited, making it a real family affair. A dramatization of the organization of Relief Society was given, and the past presidents of each ward were honored. It was a very enjoyable evening, but a sad note was added when it was announced that one of our former presidents, Sister Sarah Harmon, had passed away that day.

At one of the fall socials, they had a program entitled, "The Relief Society Fleet." This was very unique, and Relief Society was likened to a fleet of ships. Most of those present were passengers on the "Member Ship", and those who were first-time passengers were introduced to the officers and crew of the "Leader Ship." Some of the members of the crew were captains of other ships in the fleet, and they joined with the "Leader Ship" often. Each of the teachers introduced her ship:

Spiritual Living is a "Communication Ship" where we learn how to avoid the shoals of apostacy and the rocks of adversity.

Homemaking is like a "Supply Ship."

The "Social Relations Ship" has the objective to help the passenger, the LDS woman, meet life's situations more maturely and to improve individual to individual relationships, of which she is a part.

The "Cultural Refinement" which was more of a pleasure ship at that time, ripples to all the distant lands, and its influence is felt everywhere by the very soul of man.

The "VT Boats" are visiting teachers, the merchant vessels carrying the cargoes each ward family needs for sustenance -- oil of happiness and the milk of human kindness.

As we launch a few ships -- Industry, Righteousness, Courage and Faith -- we may expect them to come back loaded with the treasures of Character, Spirituality, and Godliness. Then at last we may hope to sail with flying colors into that Celestial Harbor of peace and happiness. "Fellow Sailors, now that you have seen the ships which make up our fleet, we hope you will want to be with us each week as we sail forth to gather the blessings awaiting us at the various ports."

The usual bazaars and ward dinners kept the Relief Society busy. The sisters were always willing to do their part in welfare assignments, and much good was accomplished.

The Relief Society has always had the responsibility of the Old Folks Outings, now called Senior Citizens Appreciation Day. They have been held in the City parks, and in the stake hall. Some of our senior members with special diet problems will always remember our dear Leah Martin who quietly prepared special treats and candy so they would not be denied their "just desserts."

The General Board in about 1967-68 instituted a Nursery Program whereby the little ones could be taken care of during the classtime, and this would help mothers to come who had children.

Sister Luker expressed herself by saying:

> "My love for the sisters in our ward, and my love for our Heavenly Father's work was greatly increased by serving as a Relief Society President."

Sister Luker's counselors were Fim Kramer, Fay C. Nielson, Vondell M. George, Leah B. Martin, and Vera D. Catmull; and her secretaries were Kathleen Mortensen, Signe A. Sydlinker, Dorothy S. Whittaker, and Olivia Fesko.

At the release of Sister Luker, after four years of devotion to her calling, on August 19, 1970, Shannon Gowans was sustained as the new president.

In the fall of 1970, some changes were made in Relief Society on a general Church level which would, of course, have an effect on the ward. The organization was no longer to be self-sustaining but was placed on a ward budget status. This meant there would be no more bazaars, as such, except as directed by the bishop on a ward basis.

After 56 years of having their own Church magazine, the *Relief Society Magazine* which had been a vital part of Relief Society for so many years and was enjoyed and read widely throughout the Church, was discontinued as was the *Children's Friend* and the *Improvement Era.* The *Ensign Magazine* was now being published in its place along with *The Friend* for the children and *The New Era* for the youth. Also, a correlated report system was instituted.

The new presidency started on a firm foundation and with a rich tradition of stability, charit steadfastness, love and sisterhood passed down from those before them. One of their goals was to increa the attendance of the sisters in the ward,which the did by 12%. Another goal was to increase the spirituality and comradery among the sisters. This, too, was accomplished. There was a special bond that grew between all the sisters in the Relief Society as they met together week after week.

Until 1971, the Relief Society was an organization where the women of the ward applied for membership and paid an annual fee of 50¢. Now this was changed. All LDS women 18 years of age and olde were enrolled, and no membership fee was charged.

The presidency wanted to know personally each sister in the ward whether she was active or inacti and they wanted to be aware of the needs of every sister. This was accomplished through the Relief Society sisters as they went about caring for each other in the true spirit of sisterhood and charity.

It was at this time that the evening Visiting Teaching was started, and visits were made to sisters who worked during the day. This was a great blessing to them.

The year 1972-73 brought a new course of study -- Mother Education, and Teacher Development courses for the upgrading of teaching in Relief Society was begun.

The young single women, ages 18 to 26, began to have their own Relief Society about 1973. The Young Adult Relief Society was held on a stake basis with Shirlene Farnsworth in charge. Linda Kaizumi was called to this position in the summer of 1975, at which time the Young Adult Relief Society became a part of the regular ward Relief Society. Although they continued to meet on a stake basis, each ward Relief Society president was responsible for the young women living within her ward boundaries.

In 1974 it was decided to hold the 2nd Session of Relief Society on Sunday morning instead of Wednesday evening. Riverside Ward was still meeting with us in the evening, but now we separated to hold our own meetings. This enabled even more women to partake of the blessings of Relief Society. The daytime teachers taught the lessons.

Each year a General Relief Society Conference had been held in the Tabernacle, but in 1974, all general auxiliary conferences were discontinued, and instruction was to be given the stake leaders on a regional basis. They would then instruct the ward leaders.

The Relief Society sisters shared happy times in the form of parties and special outings and sad times when called upon to assist at a dear member's funeral. They were there to help in any way they could.

> "These are the things that really make life and carry us a little closer Heavenward. This is what

> Relief Society is and what the Gospel is all about. Simple everyday living, done well, is what I consider outstanding, and this was my privilege to see happen during my term and calling as Relief Society president."

These are the sincere expressions of Sister Gowans who served so capably and humbly for five years, along with her counselors Colenzo Babcock and Judy K. Kraus, and secretary, Olivia Fesko.

August 10, 1975 Fay Nielson was sustained to succeed her with Beverly Youngberg and Signe Sydlinker as counselors and Eldean Jensen as secretary. On April 24, 1977, Eldean Jensen was released as secretary and on May 1, 1977, Bonnie Francis was set apart in this calling. Sister Nielson expressed:

> "I want to pay tribute to my counselors and secretaries for being such good helpmates."

In September, 1975, the Young Adult Relief Society was changed to a ward basis, with an Education Leader and a Homemaking Leader. The following sisters have been called to serve in these positions: Shirley Farr, Ruth Ann Smith, Elizabeth Nelson, Cindy Nielson, Dawnetta Smith, Mitze White and Laurie Birky. The office of secretary has been held by Elizabeth Nelson, Virginia Kip, Cindy Sudweeks and LaDawn Luker.

The meetings of the Young Adult Relief Society and the Second Session of Relief Society were both held on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Jr. Sunday School room of the old 29th Ward. Opening exercises were held together, and then they separated into two different classrooms. Sister Lois Peterss was called as Homemaking Leader of the Second Session, and Juanita Farr as Education Leader. Lois was later released, and Trudy Bowcutt was sustained in this calling. A complete set of teachers were called for the Second Session as well as the Young Adults. At a later date, the Second Session was changed to evenings.

Many interesting things are being done in Relief Society. Where compassionate service is needed, it is unselfishly given. They have assisted with ward canyon parties, and have honored the Visiting Teachers. Spiritually is ever present, and skills are taught the sisters. Ward bazaars have been held, and enjoyable socials have brought happy hours to many.

May 4, 1977 was a day to remember as the first meeting of the Relief Society was held in the new three-ward and stake building. The day after the ward held a farewell and a hello dinner and party. Each organization presented a skit in the old 29th Ward, and then we went over to the new building and had a delicious roast beef dinner. One item particularly appreciated by the Relief Society is the convenient, elaborate kitchen.

It has been the general rule to start Relief Society class work in October, but in 1977, an exception was made. Four very special lessons regarding the importance of family organization, genealogy, and record keeping were given to the sisters in September by the Spiritual Living teachers. This was a new experience for Relief Society on a Church-wide basis.

January 1, 1978 was another special day for at that time, part of the Rosedale Ward was annexed to the 29th Ward, and we gained new sisters and more children. Our Relief Society welcomed these sisters who add so much, and it also made a difference in our Nursery as we gained many children.

"TO KNOW YOU IS TO LOVE YOU." This was the theme of the Riverside Stake Relief Society Visiting Teacher Convention on February 11, 1978; and it was such a special occasion, emphasizing the importance of this calling, and giving the sisters the privilege to listen to the inspiring counsel of Sister Camilla Kimball, wife of our Prophet Spencer W. Kimball. Visiting Teachers are a great blessing in our Church, and they quietly give of their love and time in showing their interest in

their sisters' well being. Quoting a poem, author unknown, it expresses the feelings of a faithful Visiting Teacher:

> "Because she is my sister
> I will pray for special tools
> That are not made in factories
> And do not come from worldly schools.
> I'll use my talents in her behalf,
> My strength I'll add to hers,
> To make our testimonies grow
> As the Gospel light within us stirs.
>
> "Because she is my sister
> I will learn to really care
> And to act with true compassion
> For it is a privilege rare.
> To extend my health and sympathy,
> Share her load and dry her tears,
> And make her life more meaningful
> By allaying many doubts and fears.
>
> "She's always been my sister,
> Even prior to mortal birth.
> We just have different parents
> For our sojourn here on earth.
> I am my sister's keeper---
> Have always been since time began,
> And I pray our association will
> Continue in the eternal plan."

The following is a report from Sister Zella Nesbitt who had the privilege of attending the dedication services of the "MONUMENT TO WOMEN" at Nauvo Illinois on June 28, 29 and 30, 1978.

> "This garden of sculptures, dedicated to women of the past, present, and future was sponsored under the guidance and approval of the First Presidency by the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This impressive project was financed by individual donations of the one million

members of the Relief Society. It is thought to be the largest commission of sculpture in the world dedicated to women.

It is situated in a garden of brick walls, spacious lawns, flowers, shrubs, and trees located just in front of the Visitors Center and in the center of the Nauvoo restoration project. It consists of an heroic central figure of a woman representing all women of the past, present and future -- their trials and sacrifices of the past -- their courage and challenges of the present and their confidence in the promise of tomorrow. She is surrounded by twelve life-size figures expressing the widely varied nature and dimensions of woman's life and her role in society.

In the words of the First Presidency, President Spencer W. Kimball, President N. Eldon Tanner and President Marion G. Romney, it is hoped that '*the vitally important messages so impressively portrayed by this inspiring sculpture may encourage men, women and children everywhere to better understand the divine destiny of families.*' In the words of the Relief Society General President, Barbara B. Smith and her counselors: '*The deeply significant figures are not only a pleasure to the eyes, they are an enduring statement about women, a vision of the divine potential of the daughters of God, which we want to share with the world.*'

Invited to share in this most glorious event, the dedication ceremonies, were representatives of the Relief Society from each stake throughout the Church. About 20,000 women gathered at Nauvoo for the three-day services. Our stake received their eight tickets through the stake board, and it was the great good fortune of two members of our ward to be among those who were able to make this trip. Sisters Donna Smith and Zella H. Nesbitt, past stake presidents of the Relief Society of the Salt Lake Riverside Stake, along with six other Relief Society sisters from our stake, boarded buses early Sunday morning, June 25th, for a

> most wonderful, instructive and spiritual experience and eight-day trip to Nauvoo and other points of Church significance such as Independence and Far West, Missouri and Adam-Ondi-Ahman.
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> Perhaps one of the most vivid impressions of this entire trip was the feeling of love and sisterhood which abounded among so many women gathered together for a common cause and which seemed even more remarkable when we considered the small beginning only 136 years ago, almost on the very spot where we were assembled. It was truly a testimony of how the Lord's work is going forward as He has said."

The Relief Society continues to carry forth in the purposes for which it was organized. As Sister Nielson said:

> "Through our many experiences in Relief Society, we have gained much joy and a stronger testimony."

Sister Nielson, together with her counselors and secretary, are still serving faithfully and well,along with other ward Relief Society leaders. All of the sisters who have accepted these responsibilities in whatever capacity they were called, have fulfilled those positions with honor and trust and have been a blessing to so many individuals in so many ways, and their own testimonies have been strengthened. Those who are now serving are faithful sisters, continuing to do the great work of this organization. Truly, we are blessed in this part of our Lord's vineyard to have such wonderful Relief Society members who are willing to give of their time in the service of others and to participate by their support in attending the meetings and activities provided for them. This certainly adds greatly to the spirituality of our choice ward and brings blessings beyond measure to all. As Brother Packer concluded his conference talk which was referred to previously in this article, he stated:

"I know that Relief Society today is led by wise and inspired and strong women. Through them, the frustrations of the poorly trained, the lonely, the single, will give way to security and happiness. The bewilderment of the uninspired and the misled will be replaced with assurance and direction.... We all need someone to do for. When that is unfulfilled as a need, we become lonely. In the Lord's own way, Relief Society provides that need.... Its full, balanced program responds to every worthy need that is by nature a part of womanhood."

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RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

Donna Smith
9/10/61-5/2/65

Marie Birky
5/2/65-8/28/66

Afton Luker
8/28/66-8/19/70

Shannon Gowans
8/19/70 - 8/10/75

Fay C. Nielson
August 10,1975

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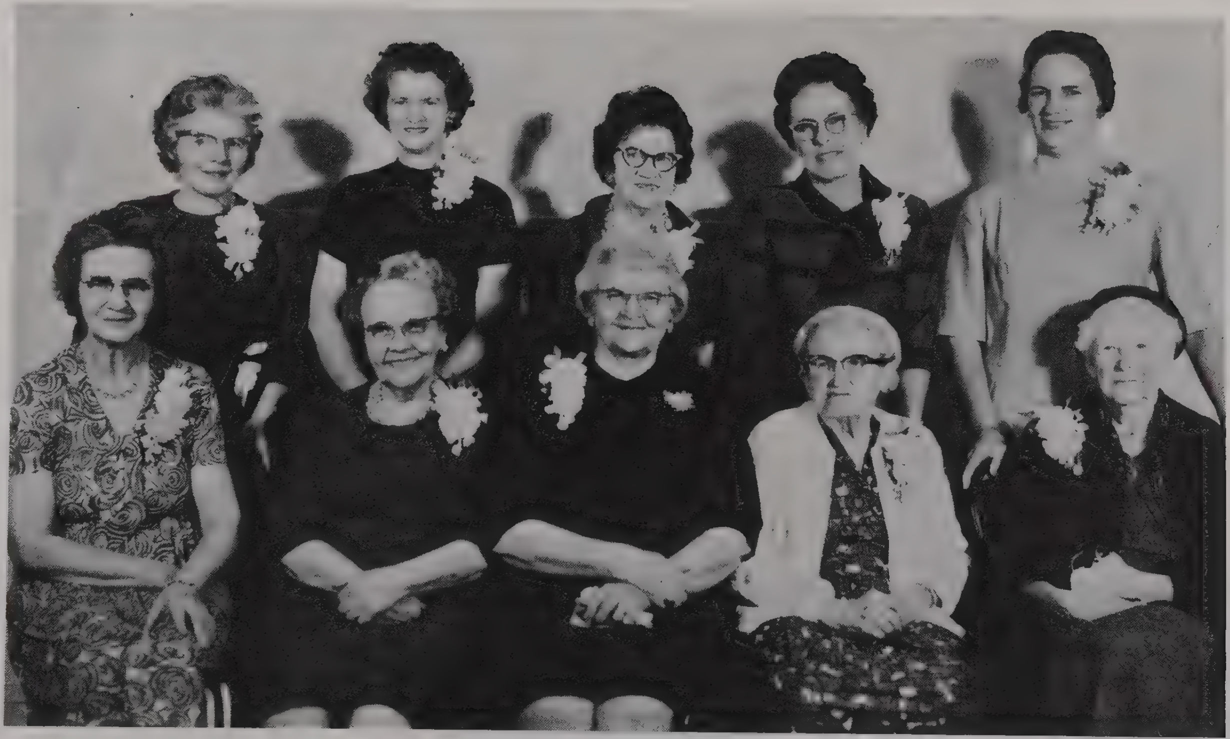

RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENTS - PAST AND PRESENT
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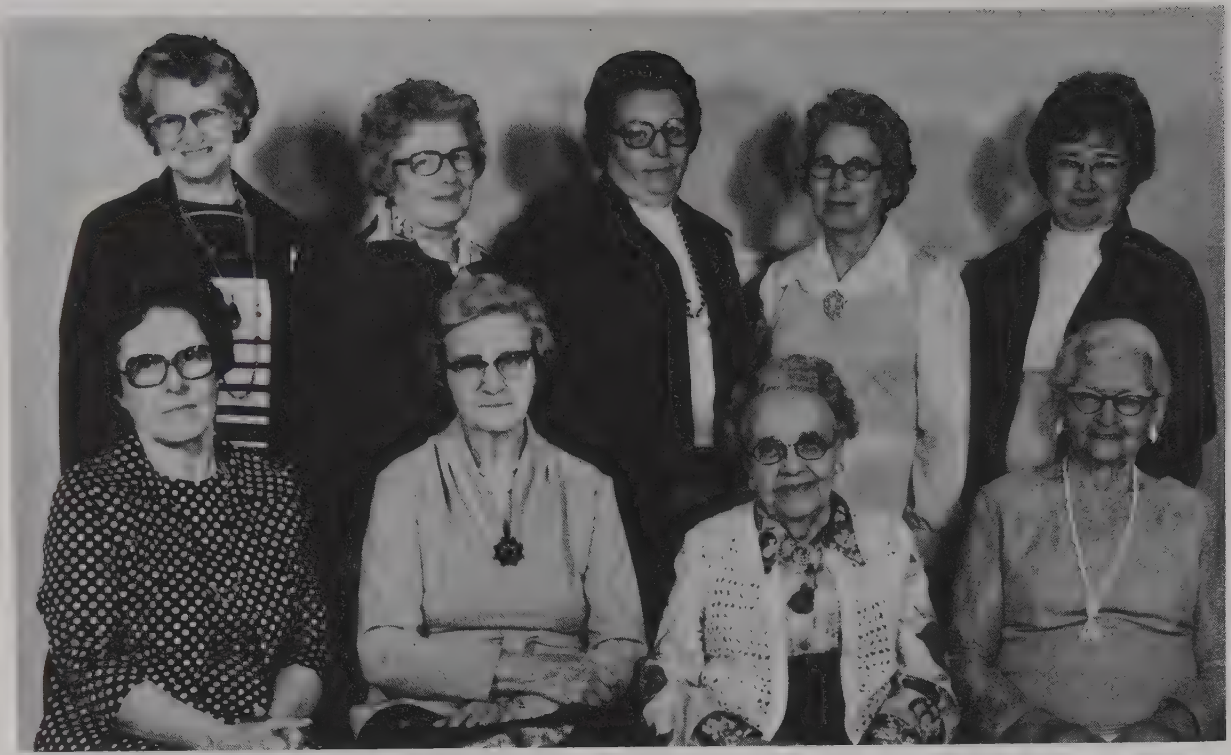

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FRONT: Mary Connary, Drusilla Newman, Pearl Putnam, Christina Barker
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RELIEF SOCIETY SISTERS - 1978

RELIEF SOCIETY OFFICERS AND TEACHERS - 1978
FRONT: Colenso Babcock, Afton Luker, Beverly Youngberg, Fay Nielson, Signe Sydlinker. BACK: Shirley Farnsworth, Gladys Baldee, Joan McLaughlin, Mildred Whipple, Glenna Jensen, Marie Birky, Carol Lewis, Zella Nesbitt

RELIEF SOCIETY DAYTIME VISITING TEACHERS

RELIEF SOCIETY - SECOND SESSION

RELIEF SOCIETY - SECOND SESSION SOCIAL - 1978

RELIEF SOCIETY - SECOND SESSION
VISITING TEACHERS
FRONT: Alva Sudweeks, Juanita Farr, Helen Christiansen, Connie Barrett, Mary Barraclough
BACK: Gertrude Bowcutt, Ruth Dyer, Geraldine Boswell, Beatrice White, Sandy Wilkinson, Jeanne Goff, Florence Savage, Lucille Edens

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FRONT: Olivia Fesko, Judy Kraus, Shannon Gowans, Colenso Babcock, Gladys Baldee.
BACK: Myrna Hardy, Afton Luker, Esther Nelson, Mildred Whipple, Zella Nesbitt, Roxy Cantu, Eldean Jensen

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Jean Bills, Juanita Farr, Trudy Bowcutt

Jean Bills, Juanita Farr, Lois Pettersson

YOUNG ADULT RELIEF SOCIETY
FRONT: Dawnetta Smith, Marjorie Nelson, Mitzie White, Cindy Sudweeks, Laurie Birky. BACK: Ruth Ann Smith, LaDawn Luker, Kimberly Clark, Ellen Marcellus, Trudy Nelson, Nedra Smith, Joyce VanHorn

YOUNG ADULT RELIEF SOCIETY-1978
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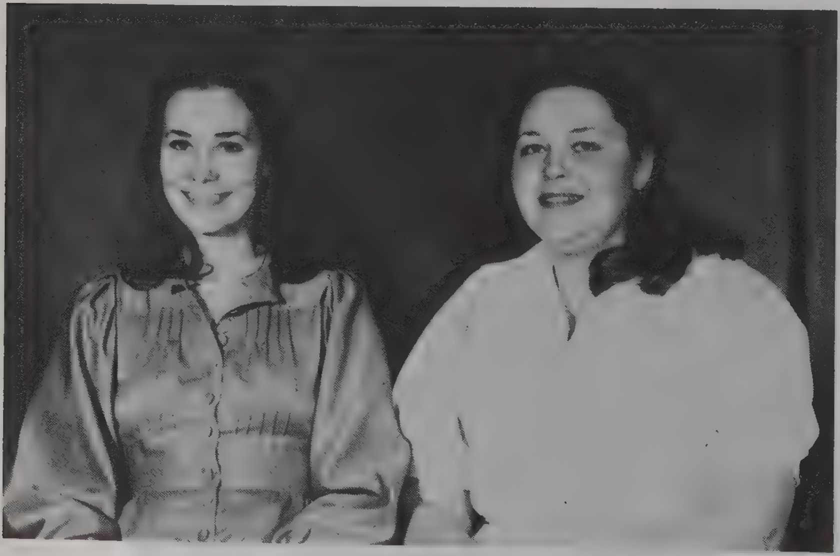
BACK : Ruth Ann Smith, Dawnetta Smith, Laurie Birky



Mitzi White, Laurie Birky

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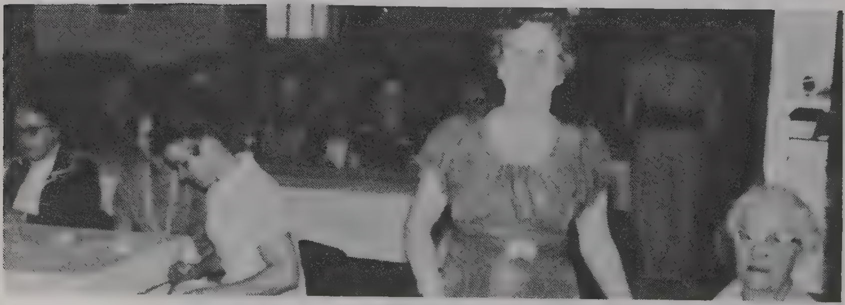
Jeanne Goff
BACK : Leola Pettersson

FRONT: Colenso Babcock, Shannon Gowans,
Judy Kraus
BACK : Olivia Fesko

Leola Pettersson, Donna Smith,
Fay Nielson, Marie Birky

TRIP TO NAUVOO FOR DEDICATION OF
MONUMENT TO WOMEN - June 1978
Donna Smith Zella Nesbitt

Signe Sydlinker, Mary Ward



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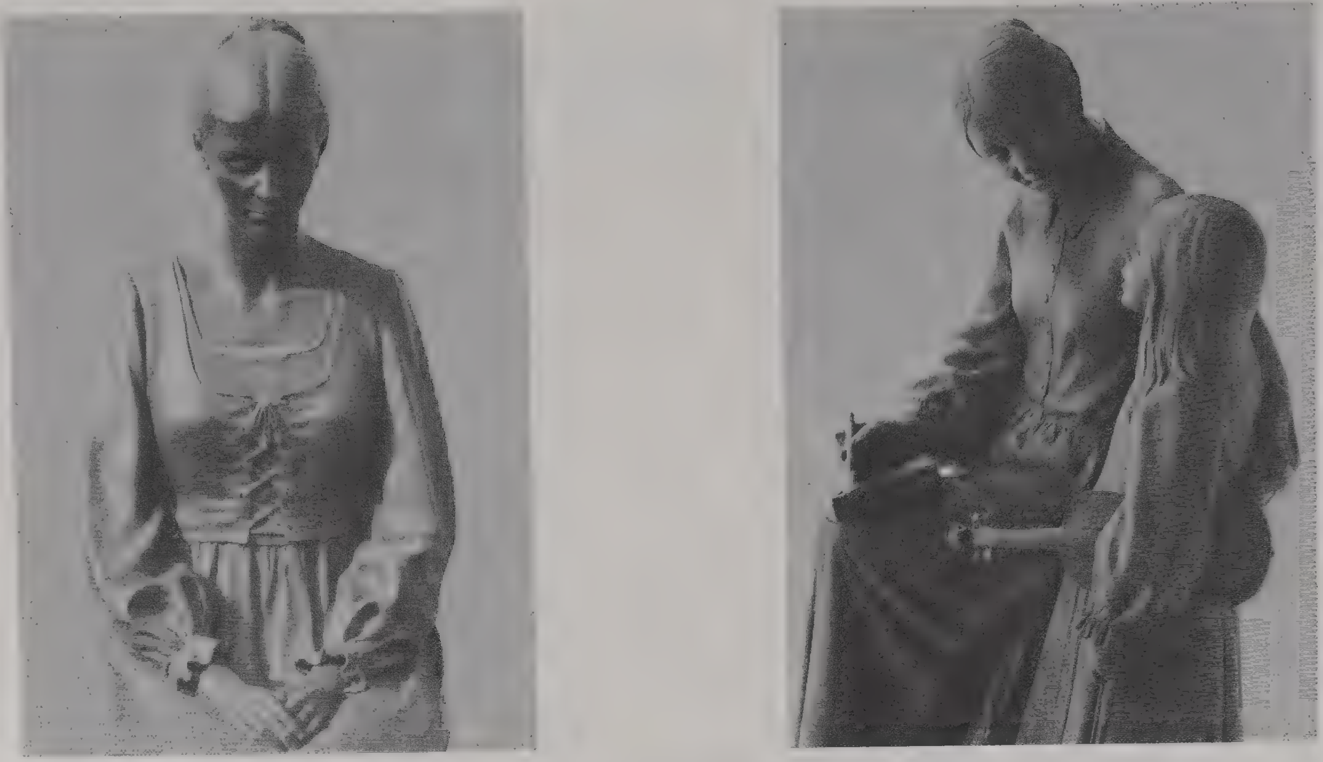

STATUES - NAUVOO MONUMENT TO WOMEN

PRIMARY

PRIMARY - especially to LDS children and all others who will participate, this word means the beginning of a "firm foundation" learned in the Primary Organization to help them to become a better "child of God". What adult who as a youngster has experienced the joys of being a Lark,a Bluebird,a Seagull, or a Blazer, Trekker, or Guide; a Moonbeam, a Co-Pilot, a Merrihand, a Star A or B, a CTRA or B, just to name a few, cannot with a nostalgic feeling vividly recall those childhood days when Primary was such an important part of their lives.

The 100th Birthday of this great organization was observed this year (1978) with humility and pride because of the countless numbers of lives it has touched for good. Let us consider for just a moment its humble beginning in the then little town of Farmington, Utah, where in March 1878, a kind, gentle woman, Sister Aurelia Spencer Rogers, was concerned about the little boys there who were not learning the correct principles of life that would help them to be good Latter-Day Saints and gentlemen. The bishop likewise was worried about the situation and called the mothers together to see what could be done to take better care of their children. Sister Rogers was then inspired by the Lord and given the thought of having an organization where little boys could be taught everything that was good and proper behavior.

She had an opportunity a few weeks later to tell Sister Eliza R. Snow who was greatly impressed. Sister Rogers asked her if such an organization could not be had, and Sister Snow agreed to speak to the First Presidency concerning it.

She consulted with President John Taylor, who was then acting president of the Church and president of the Quorum of the Twelve because of the death of Brigham Young,and others of the Quorum of the Twelve, and they approved this. Sister Snow then wrote a letter to Bishop John W. Hess, and he, in turn, asked Sister Rogers if she would preside over an organization for the children who were in Farmington.

Sister Rogers was also desirous that the girls be included to make the meeting complete, so she sent a letter to Sister Snow, expressing her feelings. In return Sister Snow wrote to her and told her "that the inspiration of heaven is directing you, and that a great and very important movement is being inaugurated for the future of Zion..." She further expressed that the girls and boys must be trained together.

On Sunday, August 11,1878,Bishop Hess and his counselors set Sister Rogers apart to preside over a Primary (Sister Snow had suggested this name for the organization) in Farmington. August 25th was the first time they met, and September 7th was their second meeting after which they met on Saturdays at 2:00 P.M. They had 112 boys and 112 girls enrolled.

They were taught so much good -- that home is the place to begin to practice all good things. They learned obedience, prayer, and faith in God; to be punctual and have good manners; honesty; and that our actions are seen by the Lord, and He knows everything we do. They learned the Word of Wisdom and its great value. Special activities were important, and so many good lessons were given to them.

From this humble beginning, the membership has now reached about a half million, with thousands of Primary workers who are dedicated to helping these young children.

On June 19, 1880, the Primary Association became Church-wide, and Sister Louie B. Felt was sustained as the general president and served until October, 1925. The present president who is the sixth one to serve in this capacity is Naomi M. Shumway who was sustained on October 5, 1974.

The first Primary was held as one group, and in 1902, three classes were taught the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Church History. Then in 1910, other classes were organized, and from 1925-28 still others. The 1950's and 60's and 70's brought still additional changes in the classes. It is interesting to note since this ward history book covers the period from 1963 to November 1, 1978, the classes in the 60's were: age 3, Moonbeams; age 4, Sunbeams; age 5, Stars; age 6, Rainbows; age 7, Co-Pilots; age 8, Top-Pilots; age 9, Gaynotes (girls); age 10, Firelights (girls); age 11, Merrihands(girls); age 9, Blazers(boys); age 10,Trekkers(boys); and age 11,Guides(boys). In the 1970's, the names and classes were again changed: age 3,Sunbeams; age 4, Star A; age 5, Star B; age 6, CTR A; age 7, CTR B; age 8, Targeteer A; age 9, Targeteer B; age 10, Merrie Miss A(girls); age 11, Merrie Miss B(girls); age 10, Blazer A(boys); and age 11, Blazer B(boys).

The 100th year celebration was held in our ward on July 26, 1978, with a special birthday party to which the entire ward was invited. The evening included singing, dancing, a skit, a puppet show, and a parade by the Primary children. Booths were constructed by each class to display their art work and lesson material. There was also a "Name That Primary Tune" contest which was open to all Primary music enthusiasts.Cookies and homemade ice cream were served, and this was a very special occasion for a very special organization.

As part of the 100th Anniversary of the Primary, it was announced in the Church News that a 10½" commemorative plate would be issued on a limited-edition basis. It was made of fine china. It had a wide cobalt-blue rim overlaid with gold filigree, and "Primary" appeared in the center.

On March 9th in the Promised Valley Playhouse, "Aurelia" which was a musical drama written by Pat Davis for this 100th anniversary premiered there. Nine surviving grandchildren of Aurelia Spencer Rogers were in the production, and it was a fitting tribute to a great Latter-day Saint woman.

The annual city children's parade that year in connection with the Days of '47 celebration, was an extra special event, and children and adults alike enjoyed seeing the happy, glowing faces of these youngsters and the devotion of Primary leaders.

Our particular ward Primary has worked hard to achieve the purpose for which the Lord organized this auxiliary. Hundreds of children and families have benefited from what they have been taught and the many activities that have been held to add to the fullness of their lives. It is impossible to ascertain all the good that has been accomplished by this organization. However, this we know, the lives of sweet,beautiful children have been touched for good. As they grow to adulthood and fill their missions here upon the earth, the foundation upon which their characters have been built is stronger because of the faithfulness of those who have labored diligently to teach them correct principles and have shown to them a love and interest that cannot be equalled in any way but through unselfish service and understanding.

A part of Primary is the 'Around the Block' parades held near the Days of '47; carnivals that are fun; the special children's Christmas parties; Daddy-Daughter dates; and Merri-Miss and Mom parties. The entire ward benefits from the sacred family hour (now including Jr. Sunday School) presented in sacrament meetings usually on a yearly basis which always have a beautiful theme. Then there are the special flag-raising ceremonies that have been held.

Our ward had the honor of having a float in the Children's Parade in the Days of '47 on July 21,1970, and about 50 children participated with the theme being children's fairy tales. A lovely play entitled, "Someone Cares," was presented by the CTR classes on June 20, 1972; and of course, Primary graduation is always a special day in the lives of youngsters as they move on to Mutual and other experiences in life.

General Conference held a significant place in the lives of some of the children in our ward on April 2, 1971 when they sang there with others from the city. What a great opportunity this was for them and one they will never forget.

The Penny Drive for so many years was assigned to the Primary, and what a terrific job they have done to help those children in the Primary Hospital who have needed care. Now, however, since the Church divested itself of the Church hospitals, this assignment is given to whomever the bishop designates, but thanks can certainly be extended to all who through so many years devoted of their time to collect pennies to assist this hospital. Also, in connection with these drives, one year the Primary at a ward social in the park presented a quilt (queen size) to the bishop donated by Myrtle Scott.This was to help build a wing on the Primary Children's Hospital (now known as the Primary Children's Medical Center), and a charge of $1.00 was made for each name.

The reading of good clean literature has always been the aim and advice of the Church, and one such widely known children's magazine was the Children's Friend. In 1971 this magazine was to be known as The Friend.

In April, 1978, the Targeteer "A" Class (8-year-old boys and girls) with their teacher, Evelyn Phillips, had a service project of baking cookies for the shut-ins. These were delivered to some of the sisters in the ward and brought great joy to them and was a choice lesson in charity and love. Other classes in previous years had likewise remembered those who were unable to leave their homes.

There have been many changes in the curriculum of Primary through the years, and one in particular that is now in effect is that the Cub Scouting Program comes under their direction, helping the young men to get started in a field of endeavor that will affect their entire lives. We have taken the liberty of including a resume of this program in the Scouting section of this book.

Our ward has been blessed with some faithful, outstanding sisters who have unselfishly given of their time for the blessing of children, and also strong priesthood leaders who have supported and directed this program. What greater service can be rendered, and to them we pay honor, and as Solomon in all his wisdom said,

> "Train up a child in the way he
> should go; and when he is old,
> he will not depart from it."
> (Proverbs 22:6)

Among hundreds who have served with love, may we quote from one faithful Primary worker, Sister Luella Coleman's expressions: "I remember many joys of working in the Primary for over forty years - helping the boys preparing to receive the priesthood and succeeding as Eagle Scouts, watching these same boys become bishops and stake leaders, 'Around the Block' parades and cook-outs, going to wedding receptions of the boys I taught and being introduced to their wives, associating twice a year with teachers you have known over a lifetime, assisting at General Conference with the Primary Board, Scout-O-Ramas and Tracy Wigwam trips, of a fire truck going by and blasting his horn and a fellow calling out, 'Hello Teacher!', and hikes into City Creek Canyon. I will never forget surprising my boys as they climbed out the class window, thinking they could slip home."

Representing the wonderful children we have in the ward is Ilene Nash. She has expressed her feelings about what Primary means to her: "I started Primary as a Moonbeam.They don't have that class anymore. Primary has been fun, and I have made and brought things home. I especially liked going to CTR's and wearing my ring. We made puppets in Targeteers about Old Testament people. Mine was on Esther. We made hangers, and a mobile of the prophets, and we sewed our flag. It was my first sewing. This year has been a learning year. We said our Articles of Faith and made macrame and crocheted. Primary has helped me know the answers to Gospel questions.

A history of Primary would hardly be complete now without concluding with the beautiful song written by Sister Naomi W. Randall with music by Mildred W. Pettit, *"I Am A Child of God,"* and this applies to all of us, for after all, aren't we all God's children,some a little older in years than others.

"I AM A CHILD OF GOD"

"I am a child of God,
And He has sent me here,
Has given me an earthly home
With parents kind and dear.

Lead me, guide me, walk beside me,
Help me find the way.
Teach me all that I must do
To live with Him someday.

I am a child of God,
And so my needs are great;
Help me to understand His words
Before it grows too late.

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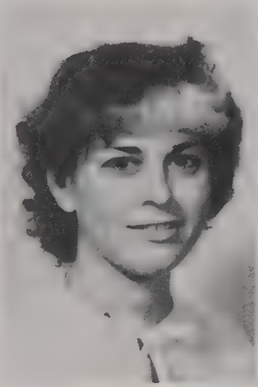
Shannon Gowans
3/25/62 - 5/10/64

Audrey Long
5/20/64 - 8/20/67

Sherrie Niederhauser
8/20/67 - 6/16/68

Fay Nielson
6/16/68 - 8/10/75


Vera Christensen
8/10/75 - 8/29/76

Linda Gough
8/29/76 - 3/26/78

Gail Adams
3/25/78 - 7/16/78

Shirlene Magneson
July 16, 1978 ---

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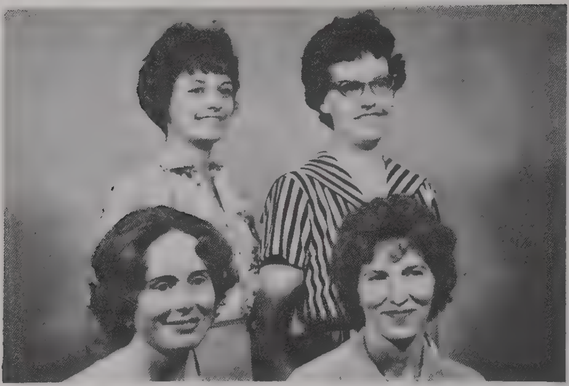
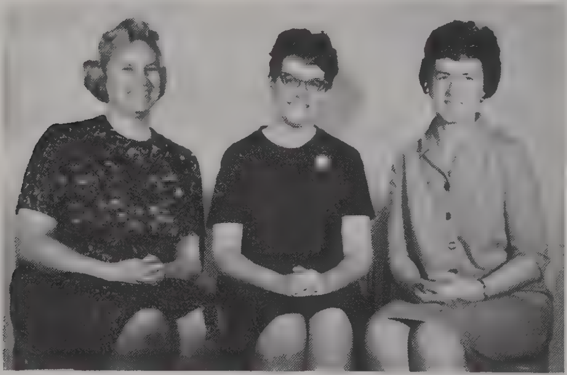


FRONT: Gay Bateman, Shirley Farnsworth
BACK : Corrine Elefson, Audrey Long



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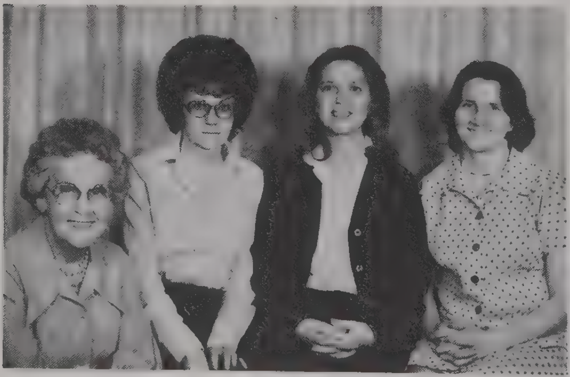

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Linda Gough, Glenna Jensen

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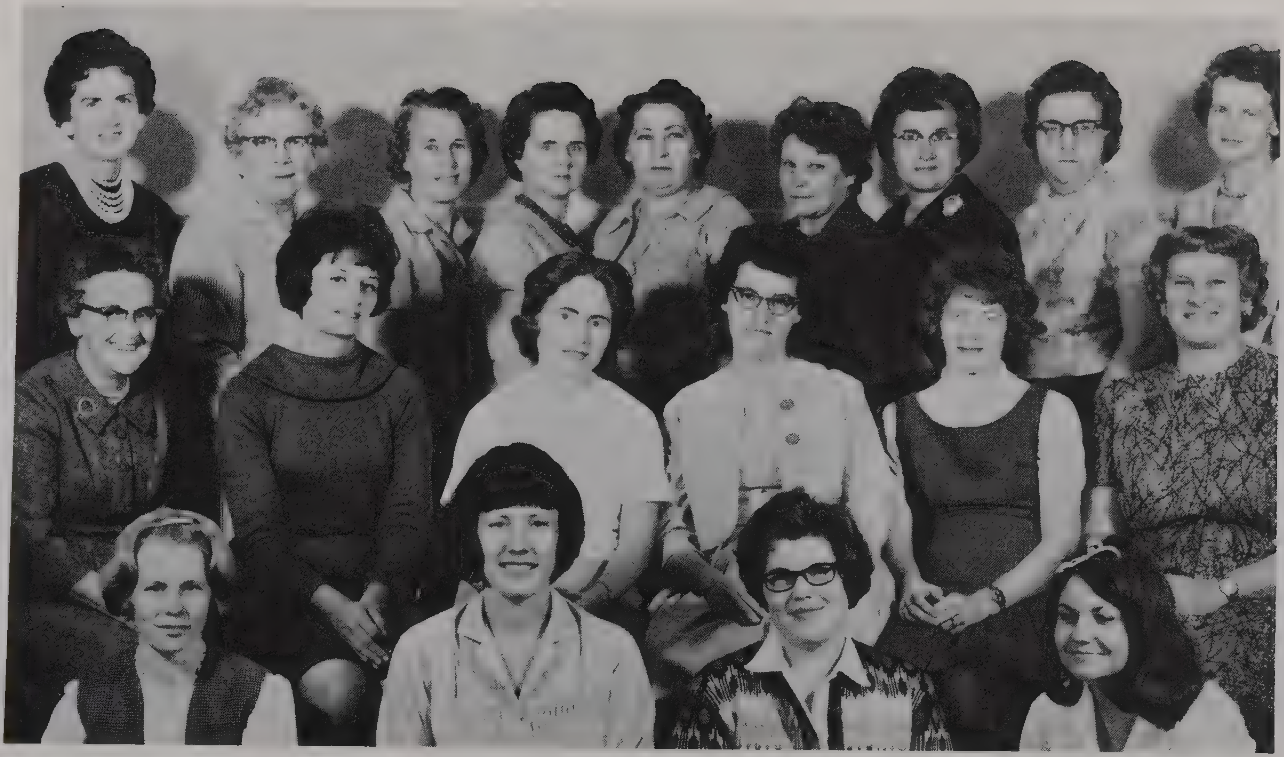

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BACK: Mary Mogensen, Doris Provstgard, Afton Luker, Juanita Farr,
Virginia Meredith, Myrtle Scott, Fay Nielson, Marie Birky,
Bernetta Barton.

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FRONT: Wyora Barrett, Judy Francis, Trudy Bowcutt, Audrey Long, Mary Mogensen, Ramona Luker, Mildred Whipple.

BACK: Colenso Babcock, Fay Nielson, Kathleen Mortensen, Elaine Wilson, Virginia Meredith, Myrtle Scott, Shannon Gowans, Lucille Childs, Bernetta Barton, Afton Luker.

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FRONT: Fay Nielson, Ada Robinson, Trudy Bowcutt, Audrey Long, Mary Mogensen, Shirley Farnsworth, Ramona Luker.

BACK: Virginia Daniels, Sandy Daniels, Myrtle Scott, Jane Taylor, Rhea Van Blankenstein, Lucille Childs, Josie King, Shannon Gowans, Colenso Babcock, Coleen Jones, Mary Lou Ward.

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FRONT: LuWayne Nash, Geraldine Prescott, Lori Potter, Eileen Gowans.
CENTER: Marie Birky, Roxy Cantu, Shirlene Magneson, Janice Anderson, Sharron Larsen.
BACK: Ethel Potts, Bernetta Barton, Afton Luker, Evelyn Phillips, Ethel Syversen, Trudy Nelson, Becky Anderson, LaRae Williams, Luella Coleman.

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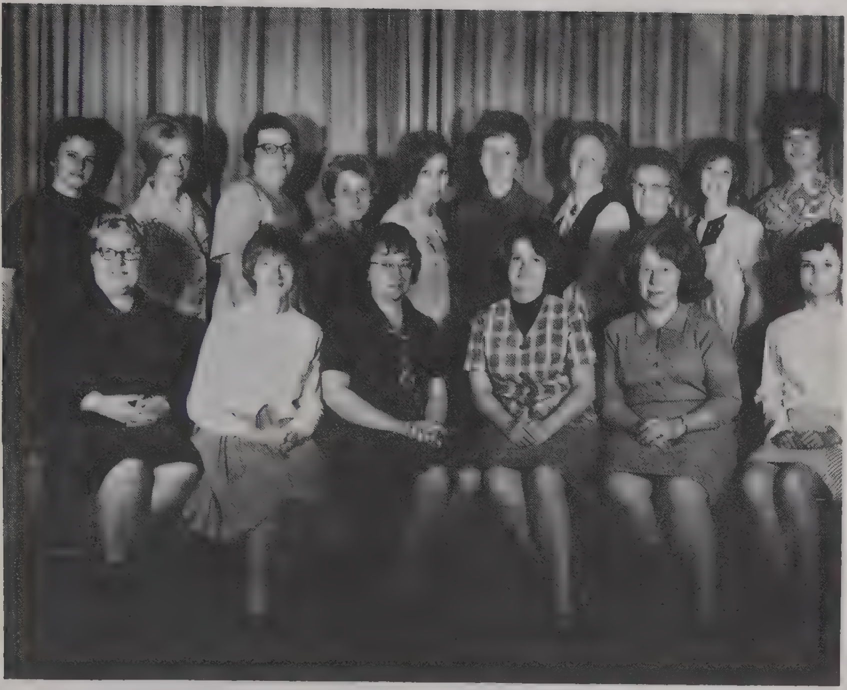

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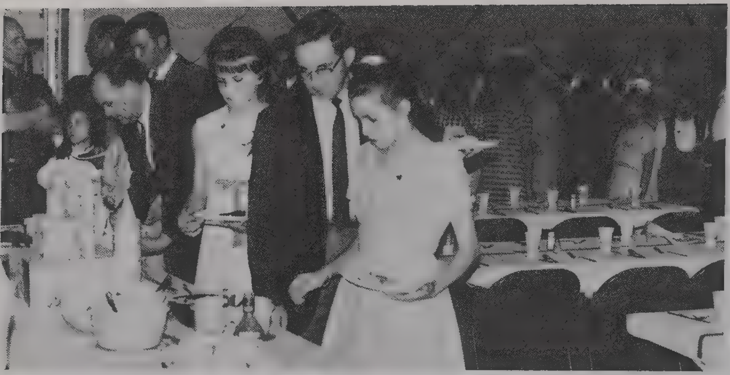
PRIMARY PARADE

GUIDE PATROL OUTING



PRIMARY FATHERS & DAUGHTERS PARTY

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"ALL DRESSED UP"
Sheryl Farr, Shirlene Farnsworth

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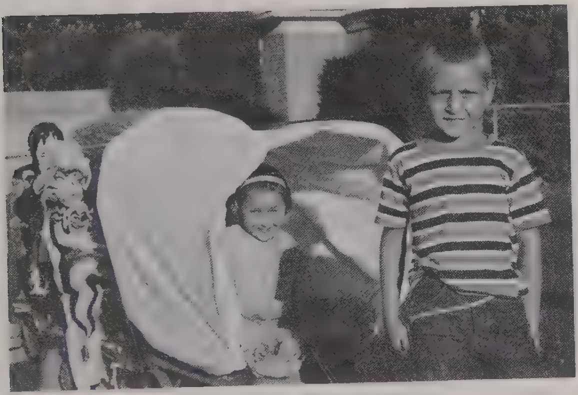

PRIMARY PARADE

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PRIMARY CLASS - Bernetta Barton,Teacher

PRIMARY CLASS - Afton Luker,Teacher

PRIMARY GIRLS - Elaine Wilson,Teacher

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PRIMARY CLASS - Helena Bridgeforth, Teacher

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PRIMARY CLASS - 1966

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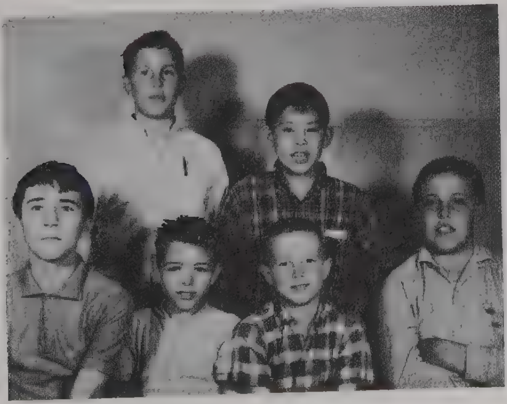

PRIMARY CLASS - 1966

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AP-YW MUTUAL

Nineteen sixty-nine was a banner year for AP-YW-Mutual (formerly called Mutual Improvement Association)--its centennial year. An entire century had passed since this auxiliary was organized, and it was growing each year in numbers. It had touched the lives of thousands of young people, as well as their leaders,helping them to build on a foundation of effective growth to manhood and womanhood.

Many special events were held throughout the Church in the year 1969. One extra special occasion which took the place of the Gold and Green Ball that year was the Centennial Ball--"100 YEARS OF MIA."

Brigham Young was inspired by the Lord when he first organized the Young Ladies' Retrenchment Society, November 28, 1869. He was very concerned about the actions and interests of his daughters and was worried about their spiritual and intellectual development. It was likewise felt that the young men of corresponding ages of the Church needed a similar organization, so in 1875, President Young instructed Junius F. Wells to proceed with the organization which was done in the 13th Ward, the first meeting being held on August 19th. In the October, 1876 General Conference, President Junius F. Wells was sustained as the president of the organization which was known as the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

One of the purposes for which MIA was organized was to help build a testimony in the lives of young people, and so the spiritual phase cannot be over-emphasized, ever bearing in mind that each activity and social has spirituality as the basis. Through the years, various classes have had different names and achievement programs, but all with the same purpose of teaching uplifting ideals.One who has grown up in this organization, or who has been a part of it in any way, can well remember the "Building the Hive" ceremony for the Beehive girls. Those young women became members of MIA at the age of twelve, and how proud and grown-up they felt as they participated in this program. Nineteen hundred and sixty-three was a special year for these girls, for some in our ward were privileged to take part in the Beehive Golden Jubilee in the Tabernacle. That same year our Beehive girls presented a puppet show to the Jr. Primary of the ward, and the puppets were made by the girls acting out two of the Chipmunk records, and one can imagine the fun both of these groups had.

MIA Maids Honor night, "*Tying the Rose Bouquet*", was a spiritual experience never to be forgotten. Service projects were also a joy to the girls, and one such happy occasion was in 1970 when they made a beautiful quilt and presented it to an elderly lady living in a rest home.

Laurels is another very special class that has brought great joy into the lives of young women, teaching them the principles of the Gospel and the important phases of young womanhood.

One of the young ladies in the ward, Mary Elva Luker, had the rare privilege of being a representative from our area at a special nationwide Laurel Conference. In her own words, she related the following:

> "In August, 1970, I spent one week at BYU at a nationwide Laurel Conference. A few Laurels from each stake across the country and in Canada and Mexico were sent to represent the girls from their areas. We spent the week in classes, learning how to become leaders and how to improve ourselves. We also had sports and recreational activities to participate in. Several Church leaders addressed us in our general sessions and gave us advice that was helpful in planning separate Laurel Conferences for the individual stakes on our return home. For fun and entertainment we had activities all week that ranged from a talent show to a visit from the King Cousins. The week was brought to a close with a very spiritual testimony meeting.
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> It was a great experience to participate in this choice conference, to have the opportunity of meeting so many girls from all over the country whose

> beliefs and ideals were the same as my own, and to be given such great counsel and guidance in improving my own life and the lives of those around me."

The MIA Maids, Laurels, Explorers, and Venturers made a tour of the State Prison in December of 1972, and there they had dinner, and some of the prisoners spoke to them. This made quite an impression on them as to how it feels to lose one's freedom by disobeying the law.

M Men and Gleaner events were many and varied and delighted those of this age group. A rich spiritual evening was always their *"Bride and Groom"* night where emphasis was placed on the sacred ordinance of temple marriage.

A part of the M Men and Gleaner Program was the Golden Gleaner and Master M Man Awards, an achievement which required a great extra effort to complete. Each stake also had the privilege of selecting each year an Honorary Master M Man and Golden Gleaner who had been an example of service and a leader of youth. This great honor in January of 1972 went to a great brother in our ward who has served in the past as our bishop and also a member of the Riverside Stake Presidency and in other callings, Irvin K. Luker. Surely he has always exemplified a "Christ-like" life and has been a great influence for good along with his sweet humble wife and family.

Years ago there was a class in the MIA for adults called the Special Interest, but now this organization, when it meets each week, does not have this class. It is now a part of the MP-MIA; and they, too, have many planned special events such as Firesides, dinners, bus trips among which were a scenic route around Alpine Loop and to Sundance, and an opportunity to visit the cheese factory in Logan. Some of these are held on a stake basis and others on a ward program. We associate Mutual now with the young people, but the program encompasses both AP-YW and MP-MIA which is explained later in this article.

Mutual Marrieds was another part of the former program of this organization, and many were the good times they had such as their "Fall Frolic," a ward dinner followed by a dance; their canyon parties; pot-luck dinners; a box lunch party where lunches were traded, and since it was called a "Kiddie Party," they came dressed accordingly.

Class names may have changed, but not the purpose for which they are held.

The Latter-day Saints "Girls' Program", as it was originally called, is one that has been a great influence in the lives of the young women of Mutual age. In the beginning, some wards and stakes developed this program themselves. They wanted to hold the girls close to the Church, and several stakes began to initiate programs which would achieve this desire. The Granite Stake was the first one to introduce the plan which was later adopted by the Presiding Bishopric, and then it was turned over to the YWMIA by the First Presidency and became a part of the Mutual program.

In 1940, it was drawn to the attention of the Granite Stake Presidency by one of the mothers that she was concerned about something being done to hel the girls as well as the boys. A survey was made,an to their surprise, they found that there were more boys attending Church than girls. They decided something must be done to correct this; and the priesthood presidency drew up the plan and presented it to the bishoprics and leaders of the Relief Society Sunday School, MIA, and Primary, and also asked for their suggestions. They explained this was not a ne program, but they wanted to have a group of women t help interest more girls to support these organizations. Their main objectives were to have increased spirituality by attending Sunday School, MIA and Sacrament Meetings, and to obey the principles of the Gospel. Individual Awards would be given as wel as group awards by meeting certain requirements, an ages would be 12 to 21 to correspond with the ages of the Aaronic Priesthood. Advisors were selected, and they with the cooperation of the YWMIA won the girls' love and confidence through personal visits and planned things for them they liked to do.

Several stakes tried this program, and there was great success, so in January of 1946, the Presiding Bishopric took it over as a correlation program with the Aaronic Priesthood. There was an organization of a woman chairman with two young women assistants who were to carry on this work. However, the YWMIA General Board reported as early as March that the LDS Girls' Program was taking some of their leaders, and activities were being promoted outside of MIA. Some of the stakes and wards reported to the Presiding Bishopric that it had now become an additional auxiliary who were functioning apart from those organizations they were to assist. The Presiding Bishopric took the matter up with the bishops at a special meeting held day before April Conference in 1946.

November 16, 1949, the First Presidency turned the LDS Girls' Program over to the YWMIA. At that time, Bertha S. Reeder was the general president, and the transfer was officially announced at April Conference, 1950; and at June Conference of the same year, the YWMIA ward and stake officers received the announcement.

To keep proper records, a new officer was added to the YWMIA, the attendance secretary, on a general, stake, and ward level. She kept the records for this program, and informed the executives of the progress being made. Of course, the girls were always the most important, rather than the program.

Awards had been carefully worked out for the girls, with certain requirements which were established on January 11, 1950, and subsequently, achievements in the classes. The girls could also achieve special awards for extra things they did: The Beehive Girls received the Honor Bee Award; MIA Maids received the MIA Joy, a rose for the first year's achievement, with a guard for the second year; and the Jr. Gleaners could earn a silver G, the Silver Gleaner Award which could be used as a guard for the Golden Gleaner pin(changed later to

Laurel class about 1969 where they could receive the Lauriette).

There was a great deal of concern as to what could be done for the non-Mormon girls attending YWMIA; and by August of 1950, they had worked out a way whereby she could earn an Individual Award. June, 1952, saw additional changes in the program to a twelve-month award from June to May, and also leaders' awards were introduced. As time went on and conditions warranted it, other changes were made. However, the Individual Awards stayed fairly the same until 1972; and they phased out this particular program over a three-year period, as those who were on the program then, could finish it if they so desired and receive this award.

Mary Ward was president when the Girls' program was changed with each young lady then working toward her own goal with counsel from the proper authority. Every six months, the girl was interviewed; the original interview for the year was conducted by the bishop, and the six months' interview by the bishop's counselor in charge of MIA.

The girls received a Treasure of Truth cover which would be used to contain her personal achievement journals which were given to her six weeks before each birthday. They were to study these journals, review them with their parents, and consider the goals they wanted to work toward each year. During the year, they would review their progress in reaching their goals, and then finally determine if they had successfully qualified for a Personal Achievement Award. Each year, they would receive the following:

12 year-old "Beginning"
13 year-old "Growing"
14 year-old "Discovering"
15 year-old "Believing"
16 year-old "Aspiring"
17 year-old "Achieving"
18 year-old "Fulfilling"

By now, the Aaronic Priesthood boys could be ordained elders at 18, if worthy. These books started in the year 1970. These journals were interesting and helpful to the girls where they could keep a record of their life, recording their goals, their achievements, spiritual desires, information about their family, their education, service projects, their ancestors, and other fields of endeavor and interest, and a place for pictures and scrapbook material, and "a look at yesterday, today, and tomorrow," in their life. About 1972, this program was discontinued as well as awards for either the Aaronic Priesthood or Young Women, and there was no progress program.

In 1974, they introduced the "Behold Thy Handmaiden" Program. A booklet was published for this, and each girl had five areas of focus to work on, but no awards were given them.

On September 17, 1977, a new Personal Progress Program for girls 12 to 19 was announced which encompasses a goal of achieving perfection of young women throughout the Church. Each girl is to become personally converted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those who earn the Young Womanhood Recognition at the completion of her first year in the Laurel program may wear a medallion which is the only jewelry now officially associated with this program. She then may wear this pin through her second year as a Laurel. This recognition is only for members of the Church, although members and nonmembers can participate in program objectives and should be encouraged to set, record, and reach goals, and to keep a journal, thus receiving a Young Women Certificate of Progress each year if she qualifies. There are six areas of focus, two goals per year that they must reach. If a young woman has met all the requirements for this recognition award and has to wait until she is 18 to be baptized, then when she becomes a member of the Church, she can apply for this.

Parents should know about this program and know what a great influence it can be in the life of their daughter. Advisors and teachers may visit with the families and explain to them any information they desire to know. The girls should be encouraged to counsel with their parents in setting their goals and let them know how they are achieving them. The advisors may desire to contact the parents about their daughter's progress as the Young Women Certificate of Progress is prepared. When the girls has her "Evening for Sharing" or any other sharing times, she may also include her parents on that occasion.

Quoting from the YW Bulletin, Vol. 2, No. 3, we read the following:

> "Gospel principles become more meaningful in the lives of young women when lessons discussed in the classroom are implemented in activities. Families receive strength as young women learn to establish Gospel-oriented homes through Church-related activities, and as a result of strengthened homes, society benefits. A major objective of YW activities is to help young women develop positive attitudes toward home and family and prepare to establish righteous families of their own.
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> In addition to conferences and excursions, the program for young women may encompass a scope of activities such as service, recreation, sports, physical fitness, camping, homemaking, and social and cultural experiences. Such activities can channel enthusiasm, energy, knowledge, and idealism by providing opportunities to put Gospel principles into action. Young women should carefully and prayerfully select and plan all activities with the guidance of adult advisors, with the approval of the priesthood, and with a planned purpose in mind."

Many, many girls and leaders in our ward have received the awards offered in the YW program of the Church. We wish there was room to print all of their names, but each of them know the influence this program has been in their lives.

Thus since its organization in 1869, the MIA has always strived to develop the youth of the Church physically, culturally, and spiritually. The 29th Ward organization was no different, and it has continued in this tradition. If we look at some of the highlights since 1963, the ward has distinguished itself with a number of accomplishments.

Culturally, music and drama have always been a big hit with the MIA. Do you remember the "Hemi-Demi-Semi Quavers"? This was the name of a ward quartet that won in ward, stake, and district music festivals and was given a special invitation to participate in the All-Church Quartet Festival at Kingsbury Hall on March 30,1963. The quartet members were Ruth Hardy, Eunice Calegory, Diane Scott, and Sharilyn Gerber, with Janice Smith as accompanist.

Honors also went to Gloria Putnam and Diane Hill who each sang a solo in the Region Three Music Festival at Skyline High School on March 19, 1963, and both received "Excellent" ratings. They also took part in the Music Festival at the University of Utah which was sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs and once again received top ratings of "Superior". There have also been other awards received through the years by many ward members.

There have been many plays presented in the ward, all well attended and enjoyed so much. In 1963, the MIA presented the production, "The Case of the Unspeakables," in which two characters (L.D. Saint and I.M. Satisfied) went to court over whether or not there is good communication in the Church today. The play ends with the judge issuing the proclamation that L.D. Saint must make a concerted effort to improve communications, both as a listener and speaker or teacher. With a large cast, most of the MIA was given a part, with such notables as Dick Whipple as

Counsel for the plaintiff and Ron Long as Counsel for the defense.

In 1966, "Something's Gotta Go," was presented, in which Shannon Gowans played the part of an overworked mother with teenage children and a husband who gave her too many things to do in a day. An efficiency expert, played by Mike Archuleta, is called in to give advice on how she can do her job more effectively, with only more confusion resulting. After a crisis is barely averted and mother goes on strike, the play is resolved by the family members realizing that they must do all they can to help each other and not leave everything for mother.

In 1968, the MIA staged another hit, "All in Favor," again developing the theme of a need for cooperation between parents and youth. It starred such renown actors as Don Rosenfeld, Ralph Francis, the Smiths, Baldwins, Whipples, Lukers, Gowans, etc.

During the time that the 29th and Riverside Wards were meeting together for MIA, they combined in presenting a "Drama Theater" on December 6, 1971, directed by Julia Connary. They had a fun Melodrama, "The Orphan," that was given especially for family night and also again at the ward birthday party in February. The cast included Jill Matheson, Elizabeth Nelson, Bobby Snow, Laney Nelson and Richard Nielson.

Besides full-length productions, our ward has always enjoyed doing roadshows. Indeed, in the past few years, there have been few presentations that did'nt win first or second place in the stake or region. Perhaps you can remember some of these "Emmy Award" winners:

1969 - "A Japanese Fairy Tale"
1970 - "The Worstest Show On Earth"
1971 - "The Orphan"(a melodrama)
1972 - "The Witch of Wisdom"
1973 - "A Saga Colorado"(a one-act play)
1976 - (Bicentennial), "E Pluribus Union

1977 - "The Uninspired Version", and the ward was invited to appear at Kingsbury Hall to present this roadshow and won second place in the region.

Along with drama, other cultural events include numerous dance and speech festivals, and traditional Gold and Green Balls; and in recent years, the "Heritage Arts Festivals" where not only MIA members, but the entire ward was invited to present hobbies, talents, and achievements. Many of our young people received many opportunities for training in public speaking.

One of the beauties of cultural arts, as previously mentioned, is music. This was so well magnified on a very special evening, March 15, 1977, when a Young Artists Festival was presented, directed by Arthur Larsen and Shannon Gowans. Ward musicians entertained, as well as special guests. There were also artists featured in other fields, and a reception followed together with a Fine Arts display. The Lord has given us varied talents, and one could easily feel the spirituality that night when they participated, listened, and saw the talented gifts of so many wonderful individuals.

Sports and activities have always been an important part of the MIA program. It would be impossible to mention all the team members who have carried the 29th Ward to victory in softball, volleyball, basketball, and other sports, but a glance at the collection of trophies and awards would tell anyone of the capabilities of our young people. One unusual event was the Winter Olympics held in February, 1965, where our ward members competed on a stake basis, and we had several winners.

Perhaps most important in this area of sports is the number of "Best Sportsmanship" trophies that have been won. This in itself tells of the character-building opportunities presented in MIA activities, and how our young people have accepted the challenge.

Camping has likewise played an important role in the lives of the young people of the ward. Traditionally, this is a part of the Boy Scout program (see Scouting section for details), but girls also enjoy the great outdoors and the opportunities it affords them to learn how to take care of themselves in time of need as well as for fun together on a camp outing. These have usually been on a stake basis, and several choice spots have been designated for our stake to use through the years -- Woodland, Brighton, Alta, Soapstone in the Uintahs, Wilderness Camp at Camp Kolob, and Albion Basin. Preparation is made months in advance, and each girl in the Church is encouraged to participate in a camp experience. They would often have a parents night in connection with the camp which gave them the opportunity to see the activities in which their daughters took part.

Camping has been an activity for the young women and their leaders since 1912. In 1962 on the Fiftieth Anniversary of camping, an optional Achievement Program was inaugurated called, "The Campcrafter Certification Program." The Young Women's organization has the stewardship for girls 12 to 18 years of age,although all women and girls may participate in camping. Stake and ward young women advisors camp specialists and youth leaders administer this camp program, and because it is flexible, any number of girls can participate.

Quoting from the Church's desired goals of this program to help girls, they are as follows:

"1. Gain an increased appreciation for our Father's creations.
2. Strengthen their testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Gain self-confidence through achievement.
4. Develop leadership ability through participation.
5. Develop a greater understanding and relationship with each other, with their leaders,

> and ultimately with their family.
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> 6. Develop those skills that will prepare them to care for themselves and others and live more comfortably in the outdoors."

The Campcrafter Certification Program is to help teach campcrafter skills "from the basic elementary skills to survival techniques." There are four levels of achievement: Yearling, Mountaineer, Inspirator and Adventurer. Each level increases in complexity, and only one level per year may be completed. However, even though leaders begin in the Yearling level, they may complete more than one per year under certain circumstances. One cannot begin passing skills in the next level until the previous one has been completed, and an award is presented for finishing each level, thus requiring four years to complete the program. However, because of the varied interests of individuals and their needs and locality, the youth consulting with their leaders may use or adapt any of this program.

Socials and outings can't be forgotten when telling the story of the MIA. Who can forget the "Teen Dances", the"Roller Skating Parties", and since these are important to the development of our youth, "Christmas Caroling" in a blizzard, Hallowe'en spook alleys, and sleigh riding and tubing at Tracy Wigwam, hayrides, or going to the beach and especially when we took a ride on the boat at Silver Sands Beach. The wonderful Young Women's mothers and daughters meetings and socials were always choice experiences.

The annual Youth Conferences, whether they be at BYU, Weber State, Dixie College, or elsewhere, have been a great teaching tool and chance for social and spiritual growth. One lovely young lady, Dawnetta Smith, relates her feelings regarding these conferences:

> "Youth conferences were three-day weekend experiences sponsored by the MIA and were attended by those of Mutual age. They were usually con-

> ducted on a tri-stake or regional basis. There were chaperones from each ward for both girls and boys.
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> Our ward members attended those held at BYU, Utah State, Weber State, and Dixie College. Everyone looked forward to these occasions. The young people in the ward sponsored service projects each year to help finance the trips, such as car washes, dime-a-dip dinners, and plays.
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> Two of the three days were filled with activities and workshops were conducted by experts in their fields. Some of the topics were: 'hanging up your hang ups', 'dating', and many other interesting and worthwhile subjects. Others included'swimming','bowling','tennis','bicycle riding', and many other activities available at the college. The meals served in the cafeteria were great! On Saturday there was a special banquet, and the stake presidents and bishoprics would attend. Afterwards, there was a dance.
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> Sunday brought early morning priesthood meeting for the boys and a special meeting for the girls with a prominent sister speaking. Then a special testimony meeting was held for all who had attended the Youth Conference.
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> Youth Conferences were times when friendships were strengthened and testimonies gained."

One of the big events of the past years was the river trip in June, 1973, down the Colorado River that lasted three days and two nights. Brian Farr was the Young Men's President and Mary Ward was the Young Women's President. Richard Whipple of the bishopric, Julia Connary, Arlyn Whipple and Laney Nelson directed this expedition and saw to it that rules were abided by as well as having a good time.

For months in advance, there were car washes, dime-a-dip dinners,and other fund-raising projects to help the youth pay the expenses for this memorable experience.The day finally arrived,and a big yellow bus rounded the corner by our 29th Ward meeting house an hour late. It was disappointing to see it for it appeared to be an old dilapidated school bus. What could be hoped for, though, when they were going on a budget, and the young folks had to work so hard to raise the $70.00 each for a few days' trip down the Colorado River to Moab. Oh, but it turned out that the bus was adequate for it had a good windshield wiper to scrape the snow that fell onto it, and it had a heater.

Brother Whipple offered the prayer and asked the Lord to make the weather warm so that they could enjoy their adventure. The bus driver assured them that they would have great weather. "How do you know?" they asked. "Didn't you petition the Lord for good weather?"

Well, the weather did clear up, and they had a river trip that surpassed all expectations. They had a big twenty-foot raft that held most of the smaller youth and the leaders to watch them, and some smaller rafts that only the stronger heart dared to take. Water fights, dunkings, "man overboard!!", snake bites, mosquito bites, ladies up stream, men down stream, photography, and good food was the rule of the day. They went over a Sunday and had a couple of meetings on the banks of the Colorado River.

Long after the sunburn and drenchings are forgotten, the excitement and adventure of this trip will linger in the memories of those who attended.

In 1968, because of the increasing problems with individuals on the streets at night, the Church instigated the safety measure of "Light The Way to MIA," asking people to turn on their porch lights during the time from 7:00 to 9:15 PM every MIA night.

Because of the small number of young men and young women of Mutual age in the 29th and Riverside Wards, it was decided to combine the MIA for these two wards. On August 16, 1970, they met together with the superintendency and presidency consisting of representatives from both wards. However, particularly because of the girls and Aaronic Priesthood programs, it was felt advisable that each ward should have a separate organization, so on August 31, 1971, the wards still met together, but with separate presidencies and superintendencies. It was arranged for each ward to conduct MIA for one month on an alternative basis.

It was later decided that it would be best for the wards to again meet separately, so on January 2, 1973, the wards met together for the last time in MIA. The following week, they were again convening on an individual ward basis.

The organization of the MIA has undergone several changes in recent years, and with these changes came an increase in the emphasis on spiritual and leadership training. Known as the Young Men's and Women's Mutual Improvement Association for years, and commonly referred to as Mutual or MIA, the name of the organization was changed in 1974.

Prior to this change, other changes gradually took place. In 1962, the organization consisted of a Young Men's Superintendent and two assistants, a Young Women's president and two counselors, secretaries, Scoutmaster, Explorer advisor, and Ensign advisor, Beehive teacher, MIA Maid teacher, Laurel advisor, and other leaders such as sports director, drama and dance directors, speech director, chorister, organist, etc. By 1969, although the Young Women's MIA remained about the same, the Young Men had consolidated, making the deacon's advisor the Scoutmaster, the teacher's advisor the Explorer advisor, etc.

In 1972, the title "Superintendent" was changed to "President", and his assistants were referred to as counselors. Along with this change on November 9, 1972, the First Presidency announced the organization of the Melchizedek Priesthood MIA and the Aaronic Priesthood MIA. The MP-MIA consisted of the M Men and Gleaners (more recently called the Young Adults), all singles over 18 through 25, and special interest groups of single persons 26 years of age and over; and the younger people 12 through 18 were in the Aaronic Priesthood MIA. The AP-MIA now consisted of a YM and YW president, Aaronic Priesthood quorum advisors-priests (Explorer advisor); teachers (Venturer advisor); and deacons (Scout advisor) - and secretary YM: and YW teachers - Laurel advisor,MIA Maids advisor, and Beehive advisors, and a secretary YW. All other advisors (sports,etc.) were released as permanent positions, and a Service and Activities Committee was called, who, in turn, are called "specialists" to fulfill needs in regards to other programs.

The change had been limited to the general level in the Church until April 7th, and it then went into the stakes, missions, wards, and branches of the Church.

President Harold B. Lee spoke at the historic June Conference in 1973 and reaffirmed that divine guidance is directing the programs of the Church. Quoting from the Church News, June 23, 1973, we read the following:

> "President Lee noted that a 1906 statement by President Joseph F. Smith looked forward to the day when priesthood quorums would be responsible for the work then done by Church auxiliaries. President Lee assured listeners that this prophetic statement by President Smith did not mean the auxiliaries will be eliminated. But it does mean that the responsibility of the priesthood quorums to direct and strengthen the Church's auxiliaries will be increased. Priesthood emphasis will be given to every phase of the Lord's work through involvement of the priesthood quorums."

The prophecy to which President Lee was referring was given in the Conference Report, April, 1906, by President Joseph F. Smith:

> "We expect to see the day, if we live long enough (and if some of us don't live long enough to see it, there are others who will), when every council

> of the Priesthood in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will understand its duty, will assume its own responsibility,... to the uttermost, according to the intelligence and ability possessed by it. When that day shall come, there will not be so much necessity for work that is now being done by the auxiliary organizations, because it will be done by the regular quorums of the Priesthood. The Lord designed and comprehended it from the beginning, and He has made provision in the Church whereby every need may be met and satisfied through the regular organizations of the Priesthood."

President Lee said that the organization of the priesthood-oriented MIA's was

> "potentially one of the most significant changes in the Church in our lifetime."

Bishop Victor L. Brown, the Presiding Bishop, emphasized that the basic responsibility of training rests first jointly with the parents and the youth, and the Church and its organizations are to aid the parents in the sacred callings that they have.

The young people will have a great responsibility in carrying on this program. The YW will have class presidents (and two counselors) and the YM will have a group leader (and two assistants) for the priest quorum age, and the teachers and deacons will have presidents of their class (and two counselors each). The priest group leader and the president of the Laurel class when directed by the bishop and adult advisors will conduct youth meetings such as presidency, committee, prayer and AP MIA, and also socials and activities. The YW class presidents and AP quorum presidents or group leaders will be called to sit in on the Bishop's Youth Council. These changes meant more leadership opportunities for the young people and more "shadow leadership" on behalf of the adults. Interest is centered on each individual youth and not on programs alone. Activities are provided for those who are not presently coming to Church as well as for those who do. It is of utmost importance that there be a direct involvement of young people.

In the June Conference of 1973, Bishop Brown said:

> "It is my conviction that the young people of today, and the spirits of the children being born today, were held back intentionally to come forth in this time. I believe that they are special spirits because they are the ones who will do some of the final preparing for the second coming of the Savior. No man knows the day or the hour, but we have every evidence that it is not far off.
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> These young people are leaders today and will be our adult leaders in a few years. I have great faith in them. I have no worry about the future -- none whatsoever. I recognize that it is difficult for them, but when they go through the fire of temptation and come out clean, they are going to become some of the greatest leaders the Lord has ever placed on the earth..."
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> (CHURCH NEWS June 30,1973)

The Melchizedek Priesthood MIA was likewise discussed in detail and the importance of this program for the single adults. Elder James E. Faust, Assistant to the Twelve and managing director of Melchizedek Priesthood MIA, gave some stirring remarks concerning the purpose of this phase of MIA. He stated:

> "There is much in the Melchizedek Priesthood MIA which is not of organization nor program, but rather of spirit and a reaching towards a second birth and a reawakening, followed by an eternal searching for that which is noble and good."

He further emphasized that service to another individual that is performed in the right spirit, and unpurchased, is the highest form of worship.

> "They who take upon themselves the burdens of others shall find unspeakable joy. This great transcending happiness is available to all, even the most humble and forlorn. We reach the Creator through His children. The ministering to others must not always be to our own. The Savior of the world said it simply. *'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"* (CHURCH NEWS-June 23,1973)

Elder L. Tom Perry, Assistant to the Twelve, also spoke to the leaders of the Melchizedek Priesthood MIA personnel, and said to them that

> "the real history is still to be written in the elders' quorums and Relief Societies, in the wards and branches, in the stakes and missions of the Church throughout the world as the spirit of this conference touches the lives of the leadership here assembled and that spirit is translated into programs which are especially designed and individually tailored to meet the needs of the great single members of our Church.
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> They have found themselves on tributaries lined with sharp rocks, rapids and swift currents that have tossed them to and fro. Now a channel has been cut to bring them into the main stream of the Church where the waters are deep and the ride can be smooth with many new ports of opportunity, study, activity, service and spirituality."
> (CHURCH NEWS-June 23,1973)

In the June, 1974 Conference, President Spencer W. Kimball announced that the title "MIA" was dropped, and the organization was known as "Aaronic Priesthood and Young Women," indicating the fact that now it was an extension of the priesthood function. In his remarks, President Kimball said:

> "These changes will provide greater priesthood direction and involvement. We have placed the responsibility directly upon the Presiding Bishopric

> who, by revelation, constitute the presidency of the Aaronic Priesthood."

The emphasis was shifted from a social organization to one of service. Young people were encouraged to get more involved in service to the ward and community with less "parties" and more service projects. Again, this was a step towards the spiritual growth of the youth. President Kimball said:

> "We should not be afraid to ask our youth to render service to their fellowmen or sacrifice for the kingdom. Our youth have a sense of intrinsic idealism. We need have no fear in appealing to that idealism when we call them to serve."
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> (CHURCH NEWS-June 29,1974)

The theme of this June Conference was, "*Serving the One.*" In response to the new MP-MIA program, Elder Bruce R. McConkie stated as he met with the MP-MIA participants that the one great concept, "*Serving the One*"-- is the ultimate purpose of the Church. He said:

> "We're interested in reaching, in serving, in finding, and in involving the one... But above all, we're interested in saving the one. The Church is God's kingdom on earth."

In speaking of the MP program, he said that it or any other program in the Church is not an end in itself.

> "Salvation comes through the priesthood and the Church."
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> (IBID)

This conference taught by experience the joy that is received from service to others by the many service projects that were completed during that time by particularly the Young Adults. There were approximately 1800 participating in the projects, and hundreds were the recipients as 250 conference leaders loaded up their groups into buses and automobile caravans and took them to 68 locations in the Salt Lake area to carry out their service projects which were varied on both a group and individual basis. Some examples were visiting patients in hospitals; going with nursing home residents to parks, Pioneer Village, or other areas; learning how to tie a quilt, instructed by a group of widows; completely painting a widow's home; cleaning yards; donating blood, and one could go on and on, but the emphasis was shown serving the one,and what greater lesson can anyone receive than to experience it themselves.

June Conference, 1975 saw the end of an era. As the First Presidency conducted the opening and closing sessions, President Kimball announced that that year's conference would be the last, as the Church was moving to decentralize and meet increased challenges of a worldwide organization. He said that the Church leaders were realizing the impracticability of concentrating our activities and learning processes in the headquarters center only.

This was an historical conference, one never to be forgotten by those who attended and participated in its many activities. There was a Heritage Arts Festival, many workshops, clips from early Church films and Young Adult film fairs; and an original dramatic musical,"*Title of Liberty*,"with the Church urging stakes and regions throughout the United States to stage their own production; the "*Land of Promise*" which was a modified readers theater with dancing, singing, and orchestra; costumed dance presentations for Young Adults and Young Special Interests, a choral and slide presentation which recalled many of the struggles of early Latter-day Saint pioneers; the presentation of the "*Music Man*"with tow-headed ten-year-olds playing the brass band; and among other interesting items were Heritage Square, a fifty-building replica of what used to be.

Yes, June Conference, 1975 will long be remembered, and most important the counsel given by Church leaders of the responsibility of adult leaders to young members as to how to conduct their lives as well as their own. President Kimball advised:

> "We cannot improve on the doctrines or the basic organization of the Church. But, we can improve ourselves, and we can improve the way in which we do our individual duties, the way we keep in step with progress."

So the all-Church dance festivals at Saltair and the University of Utah; the music festivals in the Tabernacle; the all-Church sports competition; the drama presentations and speech festivals at June Conference; and all the outstanding classes of instruction were now but wonderful, pleasant memories for those who were blessed to participate in or witness them. Now the responsibility lies with the regions, stakes, and wards to bring those same blessings to our present and future generations.

In 1977, the calling of president in the YM or YW was combined with that of advisor to the Priests and Laurels, respectively. It is called YM-YW, and the term "Mutual" was again applied to the program, referring to the activities evening when the young women and young men meet. However, it remained the responsibility of the young people to take an active hand in the organization, with the adults simply advising.

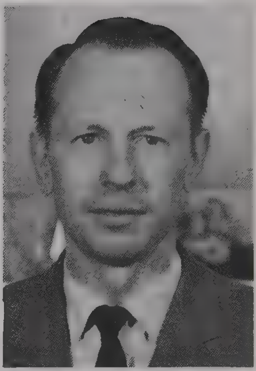
By increasing the participation and responsibility of the young people, the YM-YW is achieving its goal of strengthening and building the character of our youth.

The 29th Ward is proud of its heritage and young people, and their service in this character-building program.

Y.M.M.I.A. SUPERINTENDENTS

Willard C. Mann
11/12/61 - 10/6/63

Jon E. Fisher
10/6/63 - 5/10/64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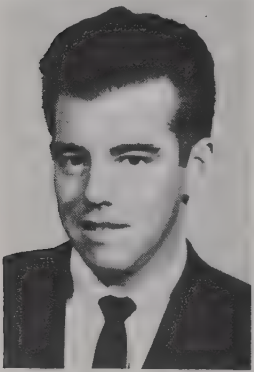
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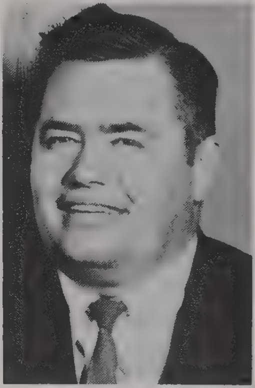
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David R. Watson
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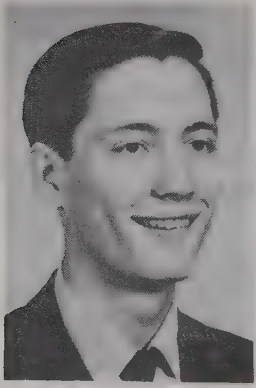
Robert F. Nesbitt
4/19/70 - 8/16/70

David Blumel
8/16/70 - 7/11/71

Robert E. Brown
7/11/71 - 11/14/71

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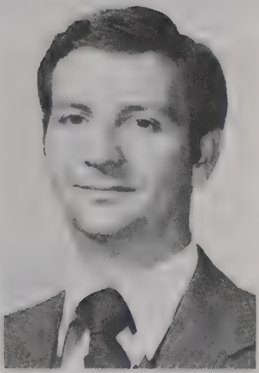
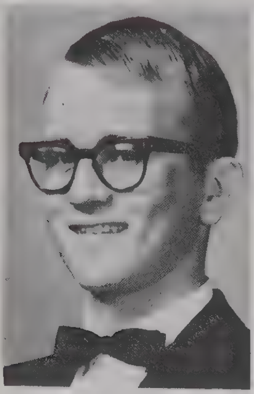


James Linford
11/14/71 - 4/15/73



Brian Farr
4/15/73 - 8/19/73

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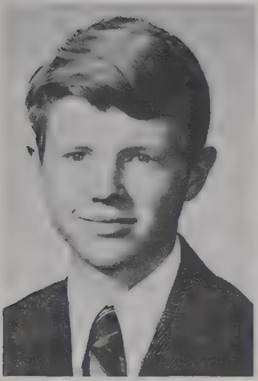

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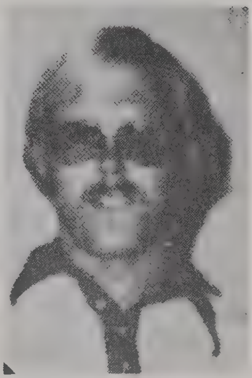
8/19/73 - 12/16/73

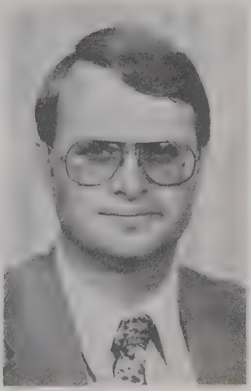
Roy D. Luker
12/16/73 - Dec. 76



Jim Robbins
12/76

Richard Goff
3/77 - 6/12/77

Ferron Squires
6/12/77 - 8/28/77



Roger Magneson
Aug.28,1977 ---

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BRIAN FARR

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Jack Bills
Second Assistant:
James Silver
Secretary:
Floyd W.Gowans

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PRESIDENT
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Secretary:
Brent J. Burningham

PRESIDENT
ROY D. LUKER

Secretaries:
Robert Gowans
Brent J. Burningham
Steve Green

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Brent H. Dean

PRESIDENT RICHARD A. GOFF

Secretary:
Brent H. Dean

PRESIDENT FARREN SQUIRES

Secretary:
Bruce Jensen

PRESIDENT ROGER MAGNESON

Secretaries:
Bruce Jensen
Dale Smith, Jr.

Y.W.M.I.A. PRESIDENTS

Afton Luker
1/14/62 - 5/10/64

Jeanne 5/10/64 - 9/12/65
Goff 8/19/73 - 8/10/75(YW)

Joanne Schmidt
9/12/65 - 8/20/67

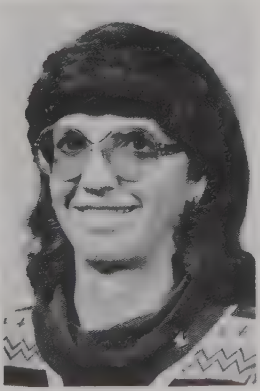
Lois Baldwin
8/20/67 - 6/23/68

Trudy Bowcutt
6/23/68 - 8/16/70

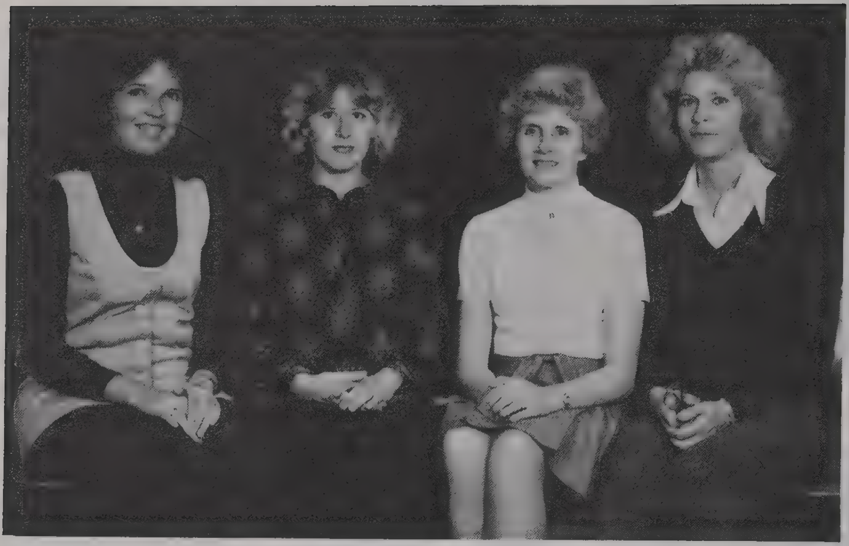
Mary Ward
8/16/70 - 8/19/73

Y.W. PRESIDENTS

Shannon Gowans
8/10/75 - 6/12/77



Ellen Luker
June 12, 1977 - -



M.I.A OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
Ellen Luker, Kathy Steenblik, Shannon Gowans, Judy Kraus

M.I.A. OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
Kathy Steenblik, Ellen Luker, Judy Kraus, Joan McLaughlin

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- Audrey Long
- Diane Fisher

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- Faith Bain
- Linda Westmoreland

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Second Counselors:
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- Emma Stone

Secretaries:
- Linda Westmoreland
- Rose Marie Schneider

Attendance Secretaries:
- Emma F.Stone
- Signe Sydlinker

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- Victoria Shewell

Second Counselors:
- Birgitta Atwood
- Patsy Farr
- Sylvia Moore

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- Barbara Webb
- Claudia Nesbitt

Attendance Secretaries:
- Signe Sydlinker
- Sharon Keysor

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- Gertrude V. Bowcutt

Second Counselor:
- Bonnie Francis

Secretaries:
- Claudia Nesbitt
- Mary Ward

Attendance Secretaries:
- Sharon Keysor
- Shirley T. Johnson

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- Ramona Luker

Second Counselors:
- Joanne Schmidt
- Rebecca Bateman
- Ramona Luker
- Mary Ward

Secretaries:
- Mary Ward
- Emma Stone
- Mary Barraclough

Attendance Secretaries:
- Shirley T. Johnson
- Emma Stone

YWMIA JOINED RIVERSIDE WARD
FOR MIA AUGUST 16, 1970

PRESIDENT MARY WARD

First Counselors:
- Beverly Benson (Riverside Ward)
- Jean Bills

Second Counselors:
- Claudia Nesbitt
- Julia Connary

PRESIDENT MARY WARD (Cont'd)

Secretary:
Mary Barraclough
Attendance Secretaries:
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Iris Matheson (Riverside Ward)
Signe Sydlinker

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Signe Sydlinker

PRESIDENT SHANNON GOWANS

Secretary:
Judy Kraus

PRESIDENT ELLEN LUKER

Secretary:
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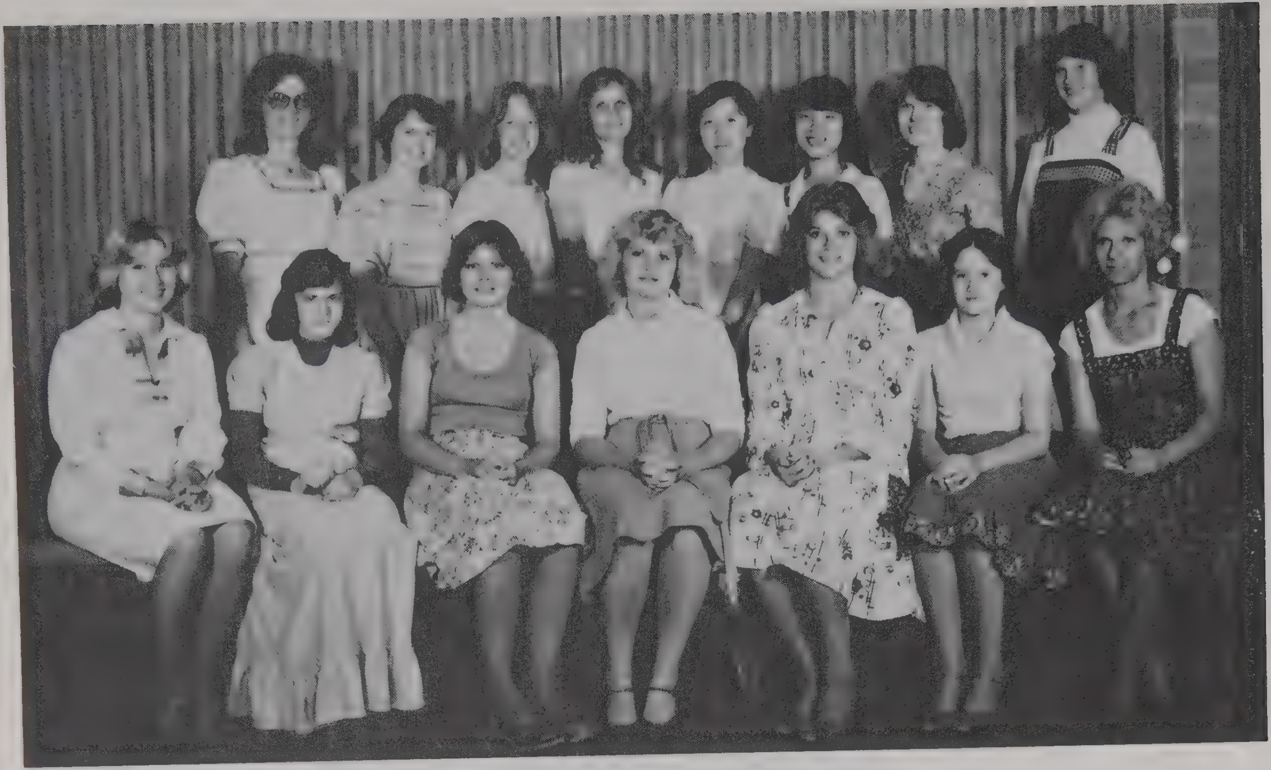


M.I.A. GIRLS

FRONT: Kathy Steenblik, Ronna Anderson, Kristie Evertsen, Darci Evertsen, Kim Kraus, Lisa Cantu, Judy Kraus.

BACK: Ellen Luker, Eileen Gowans, Joyce Barendregt, Lori Potter, Mi Hui No, Yong Hui No, Joan McLaughlin, Stephanie Farnsworth.

Y.M.M.I.A. PRESIDENCY
FRONT: William Krebs, Robert Nesbitt
BACK : Estle Smith, James Beck

WARD SKIT
Trudy Bowcutt, Russell Bowcutt

M.I.A. CLASS

FRONT: Susan Coleman, Cindy Sudweeks, Lori Potter, Virginia Kip, Debbie Macari.

BACK: Mary Ward, Joanne Morris, Laurie Birky, Carol Gowans, Bonnie Whipple, Dawnetta Smith, Karen Barendregt.

FRONT: Jeanne Goff, Jimmy Usher
BACK : Virginia Daniels, Emma Stone

Mary Elva Luker

M.I.A. HOMESTEAD OUTING
Jeanne Goff, Signe Sydlinker

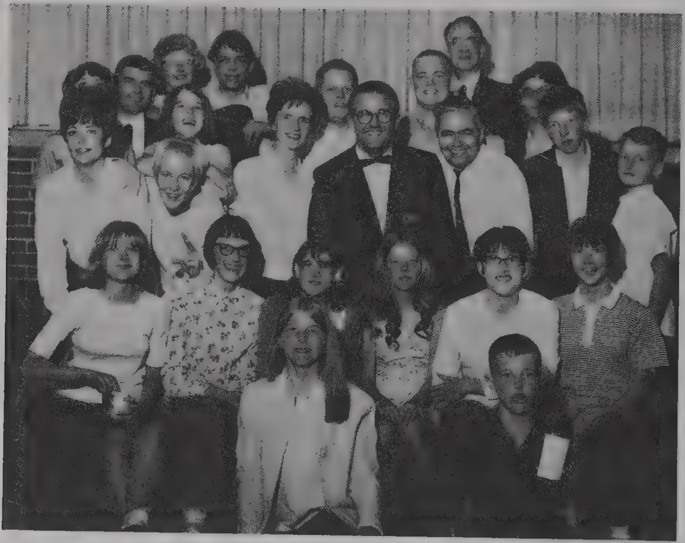
LAUREL CONFERENCE - 1972
Ruth Ann Smith

Y.W.M.I.A. 1969

FRONT:Mary Barraclough, Ramona Luker, Trudy Bowcutt, Mary Ward, Julie Connary.
BACK :Shannon Gowans, Emma Stone, Jeanne Goff, Shirlene Farnsworth, Terry Goff, Mary Connary.

ROAD SHOW - 1977
"The Uninspired Version"

WARD DRAMA "All In Favor" - 1968

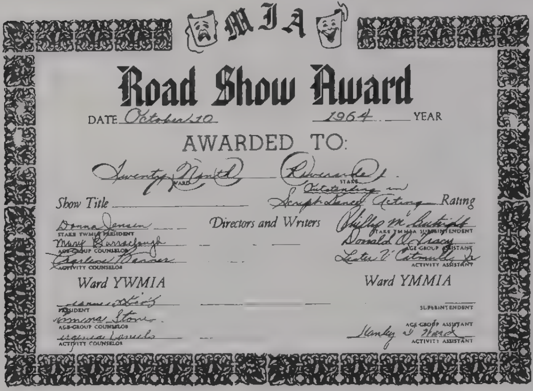


WARD DRAMA "All In Favor" - 1968

MARCO
CLOWNS
D.S.
Circus
Today

ROAD SHOW

ROAD SHOW AWARDS



MIA

Road Show Award

DATE October 10 1964 YEAR

AWARDED TO:

Twenty Ninth WARD Riverside STAKE

Show Title Outstanding in Script Dance Acting Rating

Directors and Writers

Donna Jensen
STAKE YWMIA PRESIDENT
Mary Burraclough
AGE-GROUP COUNSELOR
Charlene Wanner
ACTIVITY COUNSELOR

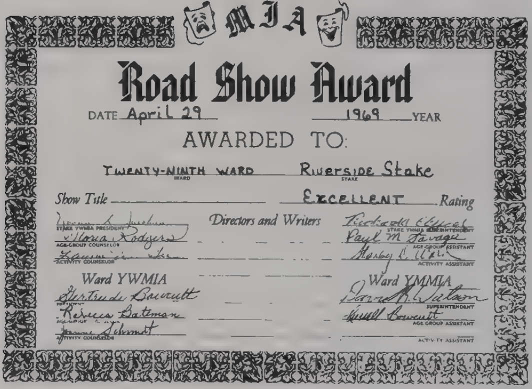
Phillip M. Cutright
STAKE YMMIA SUPERINTENDENT
Donald A. Tracy
AGE GROUP ASSISTANT
Lester V. Catmull Jr
ACTIVITY ASSISTANT

Ward YWMIA

[illegible]
PRESIDENT
Ramona Stone
AGE-GROUP COUNSELOR
[illegible] Daniels
ACTIVITY COUNSELOR

Ward YMMIA

SUPERINTENDENT
AGE-GROUP ASSISTANT
Stanley T. Ward
ACTIVITY ASSISTANT



MIA

Road Show Award

DATE April 29 1969 YEAR

AWARDED TO:

TWENTY-NINTH WARD WARD Riverside Stake STAKE

Show Title EXCELLENT Rating

Directors and Writers

[illegible]
STAKE YWMIA PRESIDENT
Gloria Rodgers
AGE-GROUP COUNSELOR
[illegible]
ACTIVITY COUNSELOR

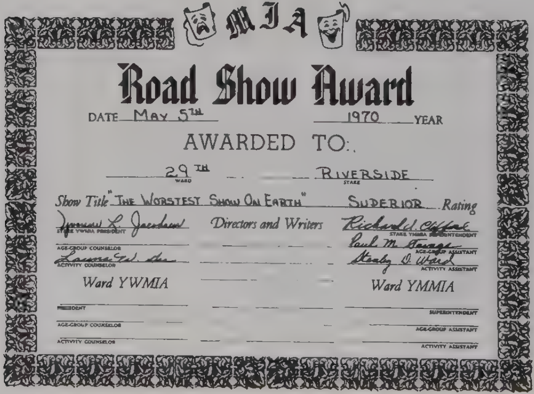
[illegible] Clifford
STAKE YMMIA SUPERINTENDENT
Paul M Savage
AGE-GROUP ASSISTANT
Stanley O. Ward
ACTIVITY ASSISTANT

Ward YWMIA

Gertrude Barrett
PRESIDENT
Rebecca Bateman
AGE-GROUP COUNSELOR
Jeanne Schmidt
ACTIVITY COUNSELOR

Ward YMMIA

Darrell R. Sutton
SUPERINTENDENT
Russell Barrett
AGE GROUP ASSISTANT
ACTIVITY ASSISTANT



MIA

Road Show Award

DATE MAY 5TH 1970 YEAR

AWARDED TO:

29TH WARD RIVERSIDE STAKE

Show Title "THE WORSTEST SHOW ON EARTH" SUPERIOR Rating

Directors and Writers

Norma L. Jacobsen
STAKE YWMIA PRESIDENT
AGE-GROUP COUNSELOR
Laura [illegible]
ACTIVITY COUNSELOR

Richard J. Clifford
STAKE YMMIA SUPERINTENDENT
Paul M. Savage
AGE-GROUP ASSISTANT
Stanley O. Ward
ACTIVITY ASSISTANT

Ward YWMIA

PRESIDENT
AGE-GROUP COUNSELOR
ACTIVITY COUNSELOR

Ward YMMIA

SUPERINTENDENT
AGE-GROUP ASSISTANT
ACTIVITY ASSISTANT

Y.W.M.I.A.

FRONT: Sherry Johnson, Kayla King

BACK : Julie Connary, Jill Matheson, Ruth Ann Smith, Sharon Pettersson, LaDawn Luker, Lorraine Hansen.

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1966 JR. BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

FRONT: Ralph Francis, Jr., Kirk Barton, Coach - Ralph Francis, Sr.

BACK: Arlyn Whipple, Rex Baldwin, Blake Baldwin.

GIRLS' SPORTS

FRONT: Lois Stevens, Linda Kaizumi
Sherrie Johnson.
BACK: Linda Barendregt, Kayla King

FRONT: Mary Lou Ward, Sharilyn Gerber.
CENTER: Linda Whipple, RoLayne Baldwin,
Mary Elva Luker, Sandra Daniels.
BACK : Karen Whipple, Debbie Johnson

FRONT: Gloria Moore, Debbie Johnson,
Linda Whipple.
BACK : Ruth Ann Smith, Sharon Pettersson,
Shirley Farr, LaDawn Luker, Lita Kip.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
FRONT: Linda Whipple, Debbie Peck, Debbie Johnson.
BACK : Joan Russell, Linda Kaizumi, Sherrie Johnson.

GIRLS' SPORTS TEAM
FRONT: Linda Barendreft, Kayla King, Sherrie Johnson, Gloria Moore, Debbie Johnson, Lita Kip, Linda Whipple, Linda Kaizumi.

SPORTS

Good sports and sportsmanship have always been encouraged by the Church. These activities have influenced the lives of so many. Some non-members of the Church have been so impressed with this great program that they have chosen to study the Gospel and have been converts to its truthfulness.

Basketball, baseball, volleyball -- these have comprised the major sports that our Church has sponsored. They have also branched out now into golf, tennis, badminton, chess and other clean activitie

Our ward has certainly been sportsminded, and we could name team after team and individual after individual who have enjoyed and actively participated as coaches or members of the teams. Let us look at just a quick review of some of our achievements:

In 1965, a youthful group of fifteen-year-old boys was organized into a basketball team. The won the championship Again in 1966, they took 2nd place (See picture in this section) Each boy received a 1st place and 2nd place trophy.

Volleyball also shared the spotlight in sport in the 29th Ward. In 1965, the Jr. team (14 - 17 year-olds) won the stake championship and took 2nd place in 1966. (See picture in this section)

Slow pitch softball in the summer was a good recreation for both Jr. boys 14-17 years of age and the "old" men 18-30. Many fine games at White Park and the new Church field in North Salt Lake provided thrills through the years of 1960-78. Many boys and men too numerous to name took part.

The M-Men did well also in basketball. In 1972, they won the championship. A few of the team members were Richard Goff, Mickey Morinaka, John Wilkenson, Reid Ottley, and John Frederickson.

Several other M Men teams did well in 1974, 1975, and 1976, taking 2nd and 3rd place in two of these years.

In 1977, the adult basketball men's team unde the direction of Ralph Francis came in second in the stake and went into the region and came in 3rd

The Jr. boys basketball program was held each year 1963 through 1978. Many fine boys played, having fun and lots of exciting games. In the last few years, some of the boys were: Kent Whipple, Mark Whipple, Darrell Syversen, Sherman Farnsworth, Corey Farnsworth, Vaughn Johnson, James Clark, James Gowans, Kenneth Nash, Wayne Nash, Todd Boswell, Brett McCray and Brent Sudweeks.

In April of 1977, the Jr. team won 3rd place in the stake basketball and 2nd place in the region. Brent Sudweeks and Mark Whipple were in the All-Star team of our stake. They also went into the region and finished 2nd, and then went into the multi-region.

The Varsity boys program has been good under the direction of Steve Clark. They have been very active in softball, basketball, and volleyball, placing high in the stake in all three sports. In 1978-79, the boys won the stake basketball championship and went to region playoffs where they did well. We are proud of our Varsity boys, some of whom are: Darrell Syversen, Wayne Nash, Kenneth Nash, James Gowans, James Clark, Sherman Farnsworth, Gary Whipple, David Willardson, Todd Boswell and Brett McCray.

Likewise, some of our members have won championships in other sports that the stake has sponsored.

The girls in our ward have done an outstanding job in athletics. The ages of the girls are from 14-17 and also the 18-30 age groups. They participated in softball, basketball, and volleyball as well as in chess in stake competitions. The following are some of the accomplishments of our girls:

14-17 Years Old

1966 - 1st place softball in stake.
1968 - 1st place softball in stake.
1968 - 2nd place basketball in stake.
1968 - Sportsmanship trophy - basketball in stake.
1969 - Consolation trophy - region tournament.

1970 - 1st place basketball in stake.
1970 - 4th place basketball - region tournament.
1971 - 1st place basketball in stake.
1971 - 1st place basketball - region tournament.
1971 - Sportsmanship trophy - region tournament.
1972 - 1st place basketball in stake.
1972 - 1st place basketball - region tournament.
1973 - 1st place basketball in stake.
1973 - Consolation trophy basketball - region tournament.
1973 - Sportsmanship trophy volleyball - region tournament.
1974 - 2nd place softball - region tournament.
1976 - Sportsmanship trophy in stake.
1977 - Sportsmanship trophy in stake.

Some of the ladies of the ward were desirous of participating in the fun of sports activities, so they organized a softball team with Susie Schmidt as their coach. Members of the team consisted of Julia Connary, Cherry Evertsen,Shirlene Farnsworth, Roxy Cantu,Shannon Gowans,Eldean Jensen, Judy Kraus, Lore Lake,Emma Macari, Florence Savage, Marian Schmidt, Donna Smith, Mildred Whipple, Dianne Dalton, Linda Gough and Jeanne Goff. You can be assured they had a fine time together.

What fun has been had at the games,not only by the players but by those who have come to cheer them on.

We could go on listing game after game, competition after competition. As was mentioned in the MIA article, the All-Church tournaments were discontinued in June, 1975, because of the great growth of the Church, and they are now held on a stake and region basis. Our ward has done well in our winnings, but also in sportsmanship, which after all, is one of the most important aspects of the athletic program. It is great to be a winner, and a goal we aim to achieve, but it is noble to be a good sport whether we win or lose.

The spiritual and physical side of life must be cared for, and as one participates in sports, they should always remember just what the word signifies. Sports has a dual meaning, and our ward has learned that lesson well. We take care of our physical bodies by the exercise and skill we receive through the sports activities, and we also learn to be thoughtful of others by our actions in these games. Congratulations to all of you who have brought enjoyment to those who watched you play and honor to our ward by your good sportsmanship.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

> *"On my honor I will do my best.*
> *To do my duty to God and my country, and*
> *To obey the Scout law;*
> *To help other people at all times;*
> *To keep myself physically strong,*
> *Mentally awake, and morally straight."*
> *(Scout Oath)*

Sir Robert Baden Powell, often referred to as Lord Baden Powell, founded the Boy Scout program in Great Britain in 1907. It was incorporated in America on February 8,1910,and chartered by Congress in 1916.

> "Our objective in the Scouting movement is to give such help as we can in bringing about God's Kingdom on earth by inculcating among youth the spirit and the daily practice in their lives of unselfish good will and cooperation." (Lord Baden Powell)

May 21,1913 was the official date of entry of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints into Scouting, being the first Church in America to adopt Scouting. This was three years before it was chartered by Congress. We are the largest user of all the religious organizations who have the Scouting program, and the third among them in number of boys. We have Church leaders serving on national levels also. It is a missionary tool, as there are Scouts in the troops who are not members. In February 1973, one in every twenty United States Boy Scouts was a Mormon, and at that time, there were about 10,000 LDS boys in the Scout program outside the U.S. We are sure this figure has increased since then.

We can be proud of the choice young men who have and are participating in the Scouting program in our ward. Some of the finest Scouts in the world have come from our ward and have grown or are growing into great men. The impact of this program on the lives of boys is of such great importance that the Church does not now consider this an optional program. President Ezra Taft Benson, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles,emphasized this in the Regional Representatives seminar on March 31,1978:

> "Where Scouting is available, please understand that this is not an optional program. Make certain priesthood leaders in your region understand this. Scouting is no longer on trial. It is an economically, socially, and spiritually sound program. It builds men of character and spirituality and trains them for citizen and leadership responsibility. Scouting teaches a boy to take care of himself and stand on his two feet. It is an inspired program for a demanding time. This is that time! I hope to God that every boy of Scouting age can have the benefits and blessings of this great program."

President Spencer W. Kimball said in part when he received the BSA Silver World Award for his service to boys on April 2, 1977:

> "We've remained strong and firm in our support of this great movement for boys, and of the 'Oath and the Law'".

Elder Robert L. Backman of the First Quorum of Seventy, at the University of Utah on October 26, 1978, gave an address regarding the Scouting program in speaking to leaders, and a few quotes from his talk are:

> "...Why should we be interested in seeing to it that Scouting is an integral part of the programs of the Aaronic Priesthood of the Church? (1) It is a program that attracts boys and serves their needs. ... it is even more attractive when we look at Scouting as partner of his Aaronic Priesthood experience. (2) It helps to extend the service outreach of the Church to the whole community. (3) It provides contact with boys and families who may not belong to any Church ... about 12% of our troops are non-Mormons.

> (4) It helps hold boys longer in, and closer to, the Church during those trying years. (5) It strengthens home ties and family relationships. (6) It helps to develop leadership, which may be used in all phases of the Church programs. (7) The ideals of the Boy Scouts of America fit with the Church's basic principles. (8) It's a popular and glamorous program. Boys love the challenge of achievement, learning by doing, the outdoor life, adventure; they love the uniforms, the badges, the awards, the recognition, the esprit de corps which is built in. (9) Another important thing, the Boy Scouts of America allows theChurch to pick its own leadership and to use it to develop its own kind of ideals, which is something that few other people will do in a partnership with us. (10) It can be used to prepare boys for the priesthood and help young men be better deacons, teachers, and priests. (11) It allows the Church leaders to help develop Boy Scout policies and procedures, nationally, and regionally, and locally. (12) ... it provides a man's experience with men... Can you see why we encourage these quorum leaders to become Scouting leaders as well?"

Troop 57 of the 29th Ward was registered in March, 1918 and the present charter expires February, 1980. It has always been an outstanding Scout troop, teaching the young men the skills of this great program and giving them a foundation upon which to help build their lives in preparing them for being good men and having a knowledge of self-preservation in time of need and a love for the great outdoors with an appreciation of the beautiful handiwork of our Father in Heaven.

We have been blessed with great dedicated leaders who take an unselfish and devoted interest in some very extra special young men. They willingly give of their time and talents to provide the proper training that is required in the Boy Scout program, often taking their vacations to go with these young men in their Scout training.

Lorenzo Baldee was a member of the first Troop 57 and he recalls with interest the following:

> "Boy Scouting was brought to Salt Lake City in about 1913. Troop 1 was an L.D.S. troop, as I remember, and one of the Cutler brothers was their Scoutmaster. Troop 2 or 5 was sponsored by the Episcopal Church. It was a very active troop. Gradually Scouting spread throughout the city.
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> The 29th Ward tried hard to organize a Scout troop. It always seemed to fall flat before it could get registered. Fred Nelson, the father of Fred Woodrow Nelson, was a real boy's man and charmed us as a group of youngsters with his tall tales of hunting, fishing and adventures of mountain climbing. As I remember it, we were not registered till about 1918 as Troop 57. Fred P. Conde was then the Scoutmaster.
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> The original group of boys were enough for a troop and they were: CHARLES WELCH, JOSEPH STEENBLIK, ROELOF STEENBLIK, LORENZO BALDEE, DAVID NEWMAN, WALLACE WORTHEN, NORMAN BERNDT, THOMAS CATMULL, CHARLES CLUFF, JAMES DAVIDSON, CLOYD HERRIDGE, GOLDEN MARTIN, GIFFORD SMITH, ARTHUR THOMAS, and CHARLES STAGG
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> Scouting was different in many respects from what it is today. We had military drilling in marching. Survival in the wilds was stressed along with first aid. Signalling by semiphore and wigwag were taught, and night signalling by continental code with dot and dashes of light were requirements. We didn't have wireless, radio and walkie talkies. They were unheard of. We boys thrived on Scouting. At least one good turn a day was required of us.
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> It was not automatic for one to move from a Tenderfoot Scout to Second Class and from Second Class to First Class. Troop 57 had 2 Eagle Scouts in 1918, CHARLES WELCH and JOSEPH STEENBLIK. We were Scouts

> until we were 16 and 17. Some of our Scouts won what was called War Service Medals from the Treasury Department for selling Liberty Bonds during and after the First World War.
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> The troop was now well established as it had become part of the M.I.A. Program of the Church. Later the stake M.I.A. had John B. Matheson as a Deputy Scout Commissioner and he worked hard with the National Organization to further Scouting. Since the early days of Scouting, it has been identified with the Church as a worthwhile outlet for boys' energy."
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> (Lorenzo Baldee)

The Boy Scout originally started at the age of 12, but in February of 1930, the national Cub Scouting program began. However the Church did not incorporate this into their program until about 1950, and it is under the direction of the Primary. This meant now that a young boy could participate in the Scout program at eight years of age. The regular Boy Scout programs starts from ages 11 to 13, the Varsity Scouting from 14 to 15 years of age which is on a stake basis as we are on a two-year pilot program which started in January of 1978, and the Explorers are from ages 16 to 18.

Scouting offers so much good and such outstanding learning experiences that it would be impossible to attempt to write here all of the complete program or the events and accomplishments that have occurred in our ward since 1963. Therefore, let us just relate a few of them beginning with the Cub Scouting.

The purpose of Cub Scouting is to prepare the boys to live a useful life, to prepare them for adulthood through fun and activities, and to get along together, to build better boys into better men. Their motto is: *"DO YOUR BEST"*. The Cub Promise is: *"I -- promise to do my best To do my duty to God, and my country, to help other people, and To obey the Law of the Pack"*. The Law of the Pack is: *"The Cub Scout* *follows Akela (good leader). The Cub Scout Helps the Pack go. The Pack Helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout Gives Goodwill."*

In 1963, the eight-year-olds became a Bobcat and then to the Wolf level; the nine-year-olds were the Bear; the ten-year-olds were the Lion; the ten and half-year-olds were Weblos; and the eleven-year-olds were the Guide Patrol (Primary).

About 1970, some changes were made, and an eight-year-old was now a Bobcat and Wolf; a nine-year-old a Bear; a ten-year-old a Weblo; and an eleven-year-old a Blazer. The Blazers were now a day patrol of the Scout Troop. In 1974 it was changed, and the eleven-year-old could start earning merit badges, so accordingly, the Scoutmaster helped the Blazers in these projects, and he and the Primary worked together on this. At about age twelve, the Blazer is ready for graduation from Primary into the Scout troop. The basic ranks he can achieve are Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life and Eagle. They can also earn the Scout Palms which is an honor received by working for and achieving extra merit badges.

By way of background, Mary Ward was president of the Primary when the Cub Scout program began in our ward. The pack had not been officially chartered, but she and her co-workers helped these boys in their Cub Scout activities, and much was achieved. It was later registered, and George Curtiss was Cubmaster from 1956-57. Edwin H. Barnhart was the Cubmaster from 1958 through 1962. He and his committeemen, Lawrence Barrett, Ralph R. Francis, Sr., and Bob Barrett ran the pack which was named the number one or best pack in the Great Salt Lake Council in 1959-60. Some memorable events took place such as the induction and graduation ceremonies. Forty-five boys were in the pack then.

Pinata's were had on Christmas. Pack meetings, as well as pinewood derbys and Cub Scout pow-wows were held during other parts of the year. Ed and his workers helped train den mothers and committeemen. All of the boys graduated into Scouting.

In 1963, Fred J. B. Smith was Cubmaster;

Monte F. Hales served in this calling in 1964-65; Hideo Morinaka, 1966-69; Gilbert Farnsworth, 1970; Irvin K. Luker, 1971-75; Arthur S. Eichers, 1976; Glenn L. Connary, 1977-78; and Lynn White, 1978.

There were also some wonderful den mothers who worked with the boys and taught them many great lessons through example and learning experiences, and to them a great deal of credit is given, as well as to the qualified Cubmasters.

The activities and experiences of the Cub Scouts have been many and varied, giving them an over-all training program in many fields, and at the same time, providing them with good, clean fun. Pack meetings that were well planned in advance were for all the boys and their entire family. These meetings stressed "Family Fun" with such themes as, *"King Arthur's Kingdom", "Revolutionary Soldiers", "Scout Circus", etc.*

Some of the activities were pinewood derbys and they made their own; rocket derbys, again making their own, thus having more than one kind according to the boy's ingenuity (some of them were fired in the air and powered with a rocket engine and some were made out of balsam wood with a rubber band providing the motor); pushmobile derbys; race car derbys; and they drove cubmobiles (push cart). They had bike derbys which taught bicycle safety, and they would have a bicycle road-e-o where they would set up a course on the old 29th Ward parking lot and pass a bicycle safety inspection and drive the bicycle course. At the completion, each boy was given a bicycle driver's license with their picture on it.

They have had a physical fitness program which is so important to their well being, swimming parties, and Christmas socials.At that season, they went to several rest homes and presented programs of songs, stories and dramatizations, and this proved to be a most memorable activity for the boys and their leaders.

They went panning for gold in City Creek Canyon, and also had the thrill of riding a passenger train from the Union Pacific Depot out to the

Garfield cutoff, having made prior special arrangements for this. Fathers and sons cake-baking contests have always been fun as they baked the cakes, decorated them and auctioned them off, selecting winners with guest judges.

They had a rain gutter regetta where they would make their own sail boats, and then blow them down a rain gutter filled with water. The Cub Carnivals in the Salt Palace were always special days, and they had a booth at this carnival and took first place for two years. In 1976, the boys made special posters for this event, and two of our young men won first and second place in competition with hundreds of young Cub Scouts -- Joseph Kim Gowans received first place ribbon and John S. Green received second place ribbon.

The Cub Scouts went to the Capitol and participated in a flag ceremony there, thus giving them a great appreciation for our wonderful flag and what it means. An annual Cub Scout banquet is held for the Cubs and their parents.

These young men keep busy making their cars, rockets and handiwork; and then display them at the end of the year.

Their program is self-supporting with the boys all helping to earn the finances by selling tickets to the Cub Carnival and candy at Christmas, cake selling, plus money received from the winning booth at the carnival.

The Cub Scout program is a tremendous success because the parents support them,and their leaders are outstanding, dedicated and devoted individuals whose desire is to teach the boys to be morally clean and respect fair play. Some of the non-member boys receive happy associations with the LDS boys, and count their leaders as their friends.Our Cub Scouts are choice young men, wanting to work hard and learn to become great men.

As the young man advances into the Boy Scout program, there awaits for him some of the greatest experiences of his life, opportunities if accepted and applied that will provide for him a good basic foundation upon which he can build a future that will strengthen him and fortify him in all walks of life.

Troop 57 has been active for 58 years. Can you perceive the number of young men, leaders, and families whose lives have been affected for good through the activities of this troop,thereby reaching out to all parts of the world wherever they may go. Now starting from the age of eight in the Cubs, it goes still further in its training.

Let us just review a few of the highlights since 1963 in the Boy Scout program in our ward where excellence was achieved by hard work and many hours of training.

The Police Department sent an expert in first aid and gave them fifteen weeks of training so the boys could get their first aid merit badge. The swimming and life saving program was put on by the YWCA which took thirty weeks to complete.

The Scouts and Explorers took a five-day, fifty mile wilderness trip into the high Uintahs in July of 1964 under the leadership of Bob Brown, Estle Smith and Ralph Francis. The Scouts who participated in this achievement were Bruce Brown, Max Hales, Gregory Smith and Keven Smith; and the Explorers were Lorin Childs, Brian Farr, Marvin Kramer, Wayne Smith, Arlyn Whipple and Mike Whipple.

This was also a special month for Blake and Rex Baldwin who represented our ward well at the National Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge.

The Camporees of the Pinedale District were held 1966-68 in the Draper, Utah foothills.Scout Executive, Bud Bolton of the Great Salt Lake Council, Ralph Francis, Sr., District Chairman and Ken Shaw, District Commissioner headed up the staff. Boys from troops from 21st South north to North Salt Lake and Main Street west to Magna, Utah were involved. Each year special Scouting skills were performed and awards were given. Campsites of each troop were inspected for neatness of tents &

camp, posted meal menus as well as other required procedures. Troop 57 of the 29th Ward was at all three camporees and won awards in skills, as well as campsite, uniforms, etc.

At one of the Camporees, Thomas Pettersson, Scoutmaster, relates that it was held in the Corner Canyon by Draper. All of the activities were handled by the Senior Patrol Leader, Bill Gowans and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Richard Goff. In the competition in compass, they received 2nd place and 3rd place in cooking and were rewarded with an old-time army hat for the compass rock and a golden spike (of course, it was not real gold) for the cooking achievement.

In 1966 under the direction of Scoutmaster, Tom Pettersson, many events are very well remembered. On one occasion, they went into the Eccles Canyon in Carbon County on a campout for a week. They worked very hard on merit badges and Scout advancements while they were there. Kevin Smith was the Senior Patrol Leader and Mike Archuletta was the Assistant Scoutmaster who helped on this particular camp.

One outing that Tom will never forget, nor will the Scouts (it seems that sometimes we have to take the "BITTER WITH THE SWEET"), was when they went to Mantua between Brigham City and Logan. Can you imagine a Scoutmaster being afraid he might have to go to jail because of what the Scouts did? Well -- the boys got into some construction material, and the police caught them. Of course, even though this was a foolish act, the Scoutmaster was responsible, but the law forgave them. However, naturally, Tom was upset and told them he was "through",and they came home. Bishop Doyle Richards called in the parents and the boys and talked to them about what had happened and the seriousness of it. The boys were sorry for their thoughtless actions, and they came over to Tom's home with a big sign saying they were sorry. Tom could not resist their "repentance", and in a weak moment said "yes" he would come back. You can be assured that was the first and last time anything like that happened, and the boys were as they should be, "BOY SCOUTS".

One outstanding camp they had was in 1968 at the East Fork of the Bear in the Uintahs. There were about ten boys who enjoyed a week there along with their Scoutmaster, Tom Pettersson, Mike Archuletta who was the Assistant Scoutmaster, and Ike Goff. They camped out in the area known as Camp Tomahawk, and each one of the Scouts earned at least one merit badge and some two,and they all qualified for getting their Bearclaws. President Gowans and Ronald Long spent two days with them, helping the group. Everyone felt that this was a very good camp.

Through experience we learn many lessons, but sometimes we have to learn the hard way, and with Scouting there is no exception. The Scoutmaster, Tom Pettersson and six Boy Scouts,Charles and Jim Pettersson, Bob and Bill Gowans, Randy Nelson and Tony Kip wanted to participate in a twenty-mile hike which Pinedale District recommended. Stanley Ward who was president of the YMMIA at the time took the group up to Old Tucker in Spanish Fork Canyon which is six miles this side of Soldiers Summit. Then he returned as the group would be gone three or four days on the hike. They were going to pack everything in and sleep in sleeping bags rather than tents, so they proceeded to hike for a good eight or nine miles, and then pitched camp. However, mother nature did not cooperate very well, and it started to rain, accompanied by lightning and thunder, and the rain just kept coming all night. They found what was not much of a shelter, and their sleeping bags got wet, and their food was dehydrated. They were able to find plenty of wood as there was dead Quaken Aspen where it did not get wet, so they kept a fire going all night. The next morning, they had had it and were ready to go home, and who could blame them. Jim Pettersson and his father went to an area where there was a phone and called Stan to come and pick them up as soon as he could, which was not until the next evening. They were successful in making their twenty-mile hike, because, of course, they had to walk back, but that was the only time they got rained out. The lesson they learned was that they should always have some transportation with them, and two cars to go, if possible, in case of emergency.

In February, 1969, five Eagle Scouts representing the councils in Utah reported on the progress of Scouting to the Governor, Calvin L.Rampton. One of the boys was Bruce Eric Brown from our ward representing the Great Salt Lake Council. The boys spoke at a luncheon. Each of the Scouts were winners of local council contests, and all were recipients of Duty to God Awards. They challenged GovernorRampton to give Scouting his full support and help make it strong in Utah.

July, 1969, was the 7th National Scout Jamboree held at Farragut State Park, Idaho,and for six days this was the second largest city in the State of Idaho with a tent city population of 34,251 persons. It consisted of 28,510 boys, 4,828 leaders, and 913 support personnel.Troop 57 was represented by Bruce Brown and James Pettersson; Robert Brown, a Scout leader; and the stake Scout leader, Richard Clifford, then a member of the Rosedale Ward also attended.

The tour preceeding the Jamboree was fun, exciting and educational. On July 10th, the first day's travel ended at Reno, Nevada, and there the Great Salt Lake Council contingent toured Harah's antique car museum. The next day, these 400 Scouts and 35 leaders traveled in 10 buses to the Presideo on San Francisco Bay, almost below the Golden Gate Bridge. Walking tours of Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf etched into the minds of all Scouters the exotic sights, sounds, and odors of the Bay City.

The next day's travel was along the picturesque Pacific Coast through groves of giant redwood trees, and camping in the park at Crescent, California brought many thoughts of appreciation for the wonders created by our Father in Heaven.

On the 13th of July, the contingent travelled across most of Oregon, staying in a small park in Northern Oregon that night - then north to Seattle, with a visit to the Space Needle, a rotating restuarant and observation platform high above the former World's Fair grounds. That night was spent in a local junior college dormitory.

Tuesday, July 15th, the contingent motored by bus across the northern portion of Washington to the panhandle of Idaho. At their destination, they set up camp on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille in Farragut State Park,Idaho. Each troop was assigned a site along a lane in one of nineteen camps named after famous Scouters. The approximately 10,000 square feet troop site was the home of 40 boys for the next 6 or 7 days. A gateway designed and built by each troop on the lane served as an entrance to this campsite. The fancy gates were of poles lashed together, and no two were exactly alike. Most camps were in the form of an open square with the tents forming the perimeter. Patrol kitchens with a dining fly set up to protect the diners from the sun were inside the tent perimeter.

Once camp was established, the activities began. There were high adventure hiking trails, action archery, obstacle courses, water sports consisting of swimming, boating, canoeing, and fishing for rainbow trout in Buttonhock Bay.There were both scheduled activities and free-time activities to keep everyone occupied. More highlight events occurred during the Jamboree than many Scouts see in a whole season. The Patrol flag review and contest were a colorful sight.

The Jamboree Forum gave each boy the opportunity to give his own input to the report that would represent all participants' ideas on how they could fulfill the Jamboree theme of "Building to Serve". At skill-o-ramas, Scouts were able to see Scoutcraft skills from across the nation and other countries as there were foreign contingents also at the Jamboree.

The entertainment was tops! The *"GOLDEN KNIGHTS"*, the crack U. S. Army Parachute Team, demonstrated aerobatic manuevers from 13,500 feet. Disneyland performers, Jesse Owen, Lanny Ross and fireworks highlighted the first Campfire program. The "UP WITH PEOPLE" show and loggers from the Northwest kept the Scouts spellbound at another campfire program. Astronaut Neil Armstrong greeted the Scouts from space as Apollo 11 sped toward the moon. Eight hundred United States and troop flags were massed at Jamboree headquarters during the flag-raising as the Jamboree joined in the National Day of Participation marking our astronauts' arrival on the moon. Scouts held their breath when Neil Armstrong took that *"giant step forward for mankind"* as the first man to set foot on the moon.

Following the moon landing, Irving J. Feist, president of the Boy Scouts of America, spoke for every person at the Jamboree when our astronauts landed on the moon. President Feist said:

> "Boys, you have just witnessed one of the greatest moments in the history of our country. Let's bow our heads and say a prayer of thanks and ask God for the safe return of these brave Americans."

One special game gave Scouts an opportunity to meet boys from across the nation as each boy was given one letter from the theme, "BUILD TO SERVE". He then had to team up with other Scouts to spell out the theme.

Campfire programs were varied from the 35,000 strong all-camp programs to the smaller 40 Scout troop campfire. Also inter-troop and area campfires provided fun, excitement and educational opportunities.

Celebrities were present at the Jamboree in great number. They included the following: Lady Baden-Powell, widow of the founder of Scouting; William Hillcourt (Green Bar Bill); Pedro, the Boy's Life mule; Dr. Laszlo Nagy, Secretary-General of the Boy Scouts World Bureau; Colonel Frank Boreman, pilot of Apollo 8 that circled the moon on Christm of 1968 (Colonel Boreman represented President Nix at the Jamboree); Idaho Governor,Don Samuelson; Washington Governor,Dan Evans; U. S. Olympic star Jessie Owens; former world champion boxer, Archie Moore; and Elder Marion D. Hanks, First Council of Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who was assistant camp chief at the Jamboree.

Church services for the LDS boys was a memorable experience for the 2,000 young men who received the sacrament and then heard from Elder Hanks who presided at the meeting.

Following the Jamboree, the members of the Great Salt Lake Council contingent bussed to Spokane International Airport where they boarded chartered jets. The flight home during the night will long be remembered for most Scouts who had never flown before.

At the Salt Lake City Airport, hundreds of parents awaited the boys who deplaned at midnight, July 22, 1969. This was an outstanding experience for Bruce, James, Richard and Robert.

Another group of happy Scouts also attended this Jamboree. Ten Danish Boy Scouts who were on their way there were hosted by the Glenn Baldwins, the Glen Powells, the Robert Browns and the David Watsons. The Scouts had flown to San Francisco, and then from there they were going by bus to the Jamboree, and they spent the night of July 24th in our ward area. They had the privilege of seeing some of the historic places here and enjoyed the 24th of July parade. These young men all spoke English and were very well mannered and enjoyed themselves here as well as the families who hosted them.

In January, 1970, the Scout and Explorer troops under the direction of Robert Brown presented the ward with a water cooler which was a much needed and welcome addition.

About 1970 when Roy Luker was president of the YM, four Scouts, Charles and Richard Pettersson, Bob Gowans and Randy Walker and their

Scoutmaster, Tom Petterssen, camped for five days, going to Old Tucker, Fish Creek, and Scofield Reservoir in Carbon County. The first night they camped in an area this side near Ponton where there were beautiful pine trees and Quaken Aspen, and they slept in tents. They went to the top of the canyon which was the top of Ponton and was a thick, wooded area, and there they showed the boys stalking and tracking. To those who are not acquainted with Scout terms, let us give just a little explanation. In that area, they played games and found a place where there was a lot of dirt, and they would practice doing different things in their tracking. From the tracks made in the dirt, they could tell what was taking place. For example, if they were going uphill, the toe marks would be indented deeper, and if they were going downhill, the heel marks would be indented deeper. They found a leg of a deer to show where a deer had gone by.This is how they are taught tracking down things.

Stalking is when you see someone ahead, and you would not let them know you are following them. The next day, they camped down at the bottom of the hill in Ponton. They spent that day trying to catch fish, and some of the fish were so small they could catch them with their hands.

The following night, they camped up in a rest area in Fish Creek. While they were there, Richard caught a ground dog in a box, and it was so tame they could take a potato chip and he would stand on his hind legs and eat it. There was also a little humming bird in that area that was so tame they were afraid it was going to light on their shoulders.

The boys decided they wanted to return home the day after that, so they came around from the side of the dam and were on their way back.

On January 23, 1970, Scoutmaster, Tom Pettersson received a beautiful plaque for his troop winning 1st place at the Annual Recognition Banquet held in the 17th Ward. Each troop in Pinedale District was asked to make a troop flag of special requirements to size and expense. Troop 57 was the winner.

In the early 70's, the Explorers and Scouts of our Ward took part in a series of adventures which were to be among the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences which our troop has had. Quoting from Fred J.B. Smith:

> "We first planned and built our own kayaks, and then we chose to find out how rugged and dependable they were. We remember the activity that took place in backyards and garages of several homes in our ward.
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> The kayaks were made of wood frames and covered with canvas and painted with airplane dope that when dry made them highly floatable. This being done, we chose two of our largest rivers - the Green River in Utah and the Snake River running through the entire length of the Teton National Park in Wyoming. These rivers would give us the calm and white waters which would provide the challenge we needed.
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> The leaders of our group, Bob Brown, Fred Smith, Bill and Bob Gowans, and the fellows decided to run the Green River first by getting in at the State Park in the little town of Green River and paddling seventy-six miles down to Mineral Canyon where Bob Brown was to meet us and then haul us home. The scenery, swimming hiking and adventure were the things which the youth in our group desired.
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> After arriving home, we now began the second trip which would take us up into the Teton National Park, doing some backpacking, and then in our kayaks we went down the Snake River's twenty-five miles of rapids from Jackson Lake junction down swift river water to Moose, the Park Headquarters. The last five miles were really white water, and did we get wet. Judge Floyd Gowans was one of the leaders on this occasion.
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> Our backpacking part took us to String Lake, and then portaging our kayaks a short distance to Leigh Lake where we camped and hiked.
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> When we arrived home, we all felt that the kayaks were river-worthy and that we all had had the high adventure that the scouting program provides."

The Scout Expo' 73 on June 9th on the University of Utah Campus drew more than 2,000 Boy Scouts who demonstrated their skills and accomplishments. They came from troops in the Great Salt Lake Council which is the 8th largest in the nation. There were approximately 10,000 visitors who attended, and there were 130 troops who were mostly LDS.

Camping, hiking, earning merit badges and working for other awards, building characters, gaining in spirituality, advancing in the priesthood -- the years went by, and the Scouts were always busy in their activities.

Troop 57 sponsored by the 29th Ward, completed a hike of more than 50 miles along the Mormon Pioneer Trail during the period, 17th through 22nd of July, 1978. The start point of the hike was in Echo Canyon, 8 miles above its confluence with the Weber River. The Troop camped at Henefer, East Canyon Reservoir, Mormon Flats, Ephraim Hanks Pony Express station in Mountain Dell Canyon and Little Mountain. The hike terminated at "*This is The Place Monument*".

The following scouts completed the entire hike: Adrain Cantu, Gordon Clifford, Senior Patrol Leader; Richard Clifford, Scout Master; David Coleman, Wayne Nash, Alan Pettersson, David Richardson and Gary Whipple. Sherman Farnsworth and David Willardson completed one day of the hike, but had to drop out because of illness.

Brother Ted Lewis, his son, Kevin and Jim Gowans, joined the Troop overnight at Little Mountain Camp. They brought fresh fruit, ice cream, milk, bacon and eggs, which were a welcome change after a week of eating dehydrated food. The Scouts learned to appreciate the pioneers and all they went through to reach the valley. They learned of each camp spot the pioneers used and the labors it took to reach it. The Scouts completed more than 10 hours of services at the places where they camped, as fulfillment of one of the requirements for the 50 Mile Award.

After a young man became 14 years of age, for many years, he became a Venturer in the Scouting program. However, even though this phase of Scouting had given fine training experience, it was felt that

> "Programming and delivery systems of Scouting for 14 or 15 year-old boys in the last five years have not been appealing and challenging enough to hold many of these youth in the Scouting Program. Less than half the boys this age are active in Scouting."
> (Pamphlet prepared by the Varsity Scouting, Mountain West Area, Western Region, Boy Scouts of America.)

Thus a new program was developed, giving them an option to use either program. The Church gave approval for this, and it was called Varsity Scouting. Two in the Mountain West Area (Area II) of th Western Region, Boy Scouts of America, were commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America to develop this new program, Ross Taylor, Director of the Mountain West Area and June Wyss, Professional Scouter Executive Secretary for the Varsity Scout Committee, both local people. They worked on it for about 1½ years. It was to be pre-pilot tested in Utah, Idaho and Western Wyoming. The wards in the Church had the option to either have Venturing or Varsity Scouting. Our stake made the decision t become a part of the pre-pilot test for Varsity Scouting, which started in 1978, and it will be carefully evaluated as to its value and effectiveness. On January 1, 1980 it will go on a national pilot testing program, under the direction of the Boy Scouts of America.

Quoting further from the Boy Scout pamphlet mentioned above, it gives the five areas of Varsit Scouting activities:

> INDIVIDUALIZED ADVANCEMENT - leading to the Eagle Scout Award.
> HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITY - beyond the reach of younger Boy Scouts.
> PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - experience in leadership, physical development, citizenship, service, social and cultural fields.
> SERVICE - to people and organizations.
> SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS - on a Council, Regional, or National basis.

> Boys associate in Squads on a Team, are led by a Captain and Program Managers, are supervised and directed by a Coach, and may earn a Varsity Scout Letter."

VARSITY SCOUT PLEDGE

> *"As a Varsity Scout, I, _____(name)_____ will adhere to the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and slogan. I further pledge myself to honor womanhood, to promote the cause of freedom, and to assist the weak and needy."*

Our ward is particularly fortunate to have Steve Clark as the capable leader of our Varsities. Their activities have been great learning experiences for these young men, some of which have been: Two classes held by the Paramedics in CPR; visits to the Federal Aereonautics Building, Air Force National Guard, and the Detention Home; and a three-day back-packing trip to Amethist Lake in Ashley National Forest. Interesting lectures have been given by Pete Savage on Geology; and Fred Nelson, Jr., an Archeologist, on Archeology of the Mia civilization. A challenging hike into the High Uintahs was enjoyed with Leader,Steve Clark; Squad Leader, Michael Clark and Captain Fred Pettersson. There was also a stay in Potter's Cabin in Lamb's Canyon with cross-country skiing.

One of the queens of the Days of '47 talked to the boys on etiquette and proper manners and behavior. They have enjoyed Regional teen dances as well as other activities. Some of these young men are working diligently toward receiving their Eagle Award which is a rewarding achievement. Varsity Scouting is a great benefit and blessing to 14 and 15 year-old boys, and from there, they go on to be an Explorer from the age of 16 to 18. (In the national BSA, it is from ages 14 to 21).

> " Exploring provides manly experiences with men -- high adventure, vocational exploration, physical fitness, service, citizenship and social opportunities -- experiences which our youth are denied too often in our modern society. Where could we find a better resource to enrich

> their lives and provide meaningful opportunities to test Gospel principles in their cruciable real life situations? Is it any wonder that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has espoused Scouting so heartily and become such an enthusiastic partner? Let us use this marvelous program to its fullest as we build sterling character and abiding testimonies and prepare our young men for missions, marriage, and the many other challenges of life which face them. Let us help them explore into manhood."
>
> (Elder Robert L. Backman, First Quorum of the Seventies)

"Explore into Manhood" -- yes, our young men are doing that under the direction of excellent leadership. The priests and Explorers always have been an active and exceptional group. This phase of Scouting has given them choice learning experiences, preparing them to fulfill their missions in life with honor and integrity. The Explorer Code is:

THE EXPLORER CODE

As an Explorer --
I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellowmen and will use fair play and goodwill in dealing with them.

I will acquire the Exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

Our young men have had varied activities as they participated in the Explorer Program. The great outdoors always has an appeal for Scouts. The Explorers had a short one-day trip which was spent in Logan Canyon where an interesting cave was explored. They walked into the cave for about a half-mile. The floor led up and down, around and over rocks, through narrow places,through wide places, and then the cave bottom was covered with water which had to be waded. The first sensation was numbing to the feet and legs but became bearable after the body adjusted.

Each boy carried two or three flashlights and some had candles. The cave seemed to be about a mile into the mountain and ended where the water gushed forth out of the floor of the cave into a large room which had to be entered by stooping and almost sitting down.

There was a 2nd floor, and it was also explored by the 29th Ward Explorers. A rope for cliff climbing and safety had to be used. After the young men exited from the cave, they went and waded in the Logan River where, although the water was running cold, it was much warmer than that in the cave.

While Paul Smith had the privilege of being priest advisor and Explorer leader in about 1977, a very special occasion was arranged that these young men and some of the older widows and single sisters of the ward will long remember -- a date with these young men. Dressed in their best and having made previous plans, each young man called at the door of one of the ladies and escorted them to a movie as a group. This was a special evening of happiness for all who took part.

During this year, one of the fine mothers in the ward, Mildred Whipple, opened her home; and on many Tuesday evenings, these young men would be taught the fundamentals of cooking a good simple meal, of ironing a white shirt, and sewing on a button. These were skills these young men would surely use on their missions.

The Explorers took a trip to the high Uintahs in August of 1977. Richard Whipple went with them, and he won the fishing contest. After cliff diving at Wall Lake, hiking over eight miles of zig-zag trails through and over trees, they made Meadow Lake their stopover. Priesthood and sacrament meetings were held on the banks of a lake.Brother Ferron Squires led the group in an inspirational testimony meeting.

The Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimmaron, New Mexico is one of the finest of Boy Scout training camps for leaders. Each year stake presidencies and their families are invited to come, and during a period of from one to two weeks, the Church takes over the entire camp. There they receive a marvelous training experience and a tremendous adventure. Our Stake President, Floyd Gowans and his family had this opportunity in the summer of 1978.

The Center Ward bishopric invited our Explorer Post to go to the high Uintahs for a special backpacking trip.It was adventure all the way -- new country and new experiences to see. It turned out to be such a great time that for four years in a row, they had a trip to that area. Some of the boys grew older, and new boys took their place, but the same type of fun was enjoyed each year -- camping out under the stars with a bunch of good guys and a fun Explorer leader.

Each year they drove to Hannah, Utah, then to Defey Dude Ranch, and took an old mine road for ten miles, then from the end of the road hiked 4½ miles to Grandaddy Lake. From there, they went to several areas. They went to a new place along with their favorite fishing spots each year -- one year to Lodgepole and Fern Lake, another year to Lodgepole and Doc Lake, with Lodgepole as their base. They had to go several miles by compass to find Doc Lake,but the fishing was worth it, and after reading the compass by flashlight, found their way back to camp.

Only the brave dared to walk at the rear of their column, and then watched carefully behind for prowling animals. The top of their trip was the companionship and the great fishing, not to mention scenery unsurpassed anywhere in the world.

Of great importance in the Scouting Program fro
the time a boy starts at age 8 into adulthood are th
Award Programs, all of which require great effort an
skill, but when achieved brings to the individual a

great feeling of accomplishment. There are so many awards in this great program, so let us review briefly some of them and list some in our ward who have earned them.

SCOUT AWARDS

Basic ranks from Cubs to Explorers, the highest of which is an Eagle. Those who have received this award since January 1, 1963 are:

Ralph R. Francis, Jr., Mike Archuletta, Rex Baldwin, Blake A. Baldwin, Bruce E. Brown, James T. Pettersson, Richard A. Goff, Floyd W. Gowans, Robert Gowans, Vaughn Johnson, Charles R. Pettersson, Todd Boswell, Darryl Syversen, Gordon Clifford, Ivan McGavin and Gregg Smith.

Others in the ward who are Eagles are:

Bishop Richard Clifford, Ted Lewis, Richard Syversen, Charles Starr, Gilbert Farnsworth, Fred J.B. Smith, Stephen B. Taggert, Fay Hardy, Pete Savage, Barry Anderson, Ed Freeman and Jeff Turner.

CANDIDATES FOR AWARDS

SCOUT PALMS - extra merit badges.

SILVER BEAVER - National award given on a local district basis - highest recognition which may be awarded by the local council for outstanding achievements and service in Scouting given to men and now women.

Theodore I. Geurts - February 9, 1970
Ralph R. Francis, Sr. - March 1972

SILVER BEEHIVE Great Salt Lake Council only in the State of Utah - Highest award which can be presented by Pinedale Boy Scout District.

Bishop Richard Clifford, Robert L. Brown, Ralph Francis, Sr., Thomas Pettersson.

SILVER BUFFALO - To President of the United States, special dignitaries - national award.

WORLD AWARD OF SCOUTING - A year for international world service.

SILVER ANTELOPE - Regional - given for special recognition in a region for outstanding service.

SILVER FAWN - Given to ladies and synonymous to the Silver Beaver - national award given on a local district basis, but only given for three years.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT - (Comparable to Silver Beehive) - Great Salt Lake Council.

January, 1974, Lois Pettersson received this award from Buckskin District. It is given to 3 people a year at the Annual Awards Banquet for outstanding service to youth through the Scouting Program. Recipient chosen by the Salt Lake Council from among the leaders in the District from Sandy to Farmington.

WOOD BADGE AWARD - Highest training award offered in Scouting for leaders.

Bishop Richard Clifford, Thomas Pettersson.

SPECIAL DISTRICT AWARD - Pinedale District.

Ralph R. Francis, Sr.

COMMISSIONERS KEY - Local award on a district basis.

Pete Savage and Ralph R. Francis, Sr.

COMMITTEEMAN KEY

Ralph R. Francis, Sr.

TWENTY YEARS IN SCOUTING, PINEDALE DISTRICT

Thomas Pettersson

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER - January, 1974

Fred J. B. Smith recognized as an outstanding Cub Den Leader; Irvin K. Luker recognized as an outstanding Cub Master; Fred Pettersson received a certificate of training from the Buckskin District for completing a training course given to train the boys to serve as Den Chief in the Cub Scout Program.

CHURCH AWARDS

Faith in God Award - Cub-Church & Scout.
On My Honor Award - Scout - May 14, 1977
Darryl Syversen, Wayne Nash, Todd Boswell, Ken Nash.
Duty to God Award - Church & Scout
Non-denominational.

On April 2, 1977, President Spencer W. Kimball was presented with international Scouting's highest honor, the Silver World Award, at the priesthood session of the General Conference. This is given annually to an "outstanding citizen of the world". This is the first award of its kind to go to a U. S.Citizen. The president of the Boy Scouts of America, Arch Monson, presented it to him.

Quoting further from Elder Robert L. Backman, he said:

> "Let me read what Lord Baden Powell had to say about 'Why Scouting?' 'Let us, therefore, in training our Scouts, keep the higher aims in the forefront, not let ourselves get too involved in the steps.' Don't let the technical outweigh the moral. Field efficiency, backwoodmanship, camping, hiking, good times, jamborees, comradeships, are all means, not the end. The end is 'character with a purpose.' And that purpose that the next generation may be sane in an insane world, develop the higher realization of service, active service of love, and duty to God and to neighbor. Our objective in the Scout movement is to give such help as we can in bringing about God's Kingdom on earth by inculcating among youth the spirit and the daily practice in their lives of unselfish good will and cooperation.'"

Brother Backman went on to say:

"That's from the founder of Scouting, which leads me to understand why the Church espoused Scouting as a great tool in leading our boys to righteousness."

(Address given at the University of Utah,
October 26, 1978.)

CUBMASTERS

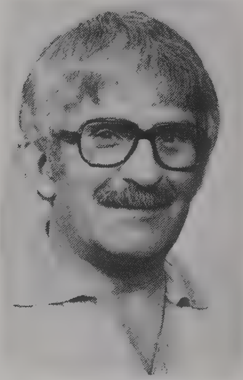
Fred Smith

Monte Hales

Hideo Morinaka

Gilbert Farnsworth

Irvin Luker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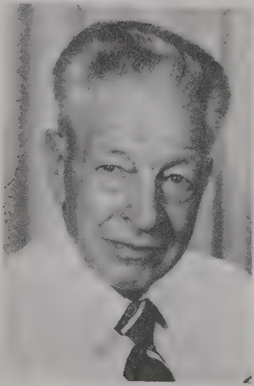
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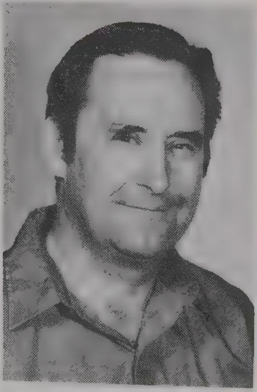
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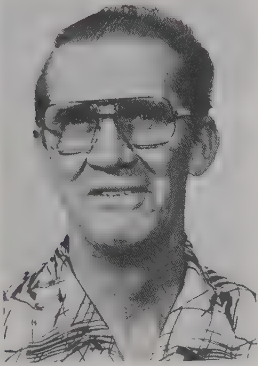
SCOUTMASTERS

Edwin Barnhart



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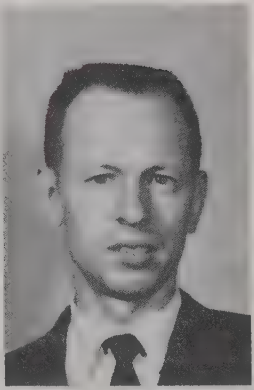
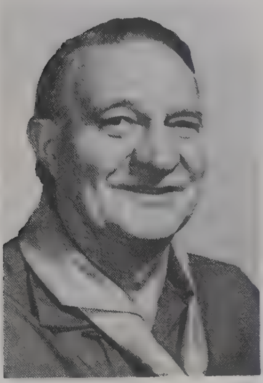


Estle Smith



Thomas Pettersson

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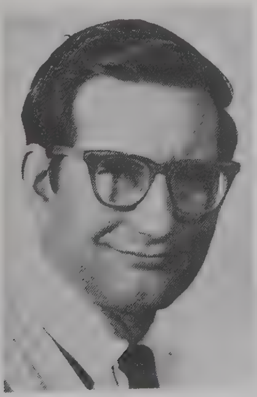
Lynn Jones

James Pettersson



Richard Clifford

CUB SCOUT SKIT
Gilbert Farnsworth, Myron Potter

CUB SCOUT SKIT - PACK 57

SCOUT-O-RAMA 1968

SCOUT OUTING

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUT OUTING

CUB SCOUTS - 1968
Corey Farnsworth,
Richard Pettersson
Manuel Leos

SCOUT SUMMER CAMP
(East Fork of the Bear)

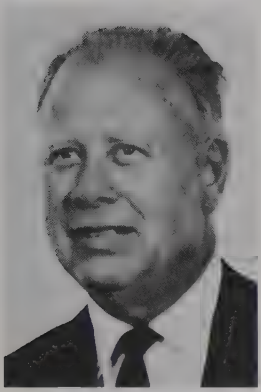
SCOUT RIVER TRIP
Fred Smith

CUBMASTER AND DEN MOTHERS
Lynn White, Julie Connary, Janet Clifford, Cherryle Evertsen, Sharlene Burningham.

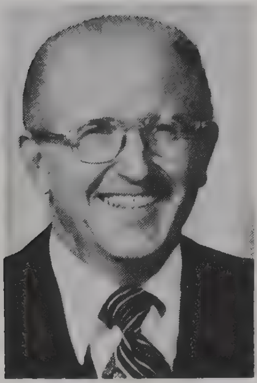
CUB SCOUTS AND LEADERS
Jody Ebe, Janet Clifford, Lynn White, Gilbert Farnsworth, Ted Lewis & Cubs.

SCOUTS - 1979
FRONT: Joseph Gowans, Christian Larsen, Alan Pettersson, Gary Whipple, Rory Corona, Sean Larsen.
BACK : Bishop Richard Clifford, Ted Lewis, Gavin Evertsen, John Green, Gordon Kraus, Chad Connary, Richard Syversen, Barry Anderson.

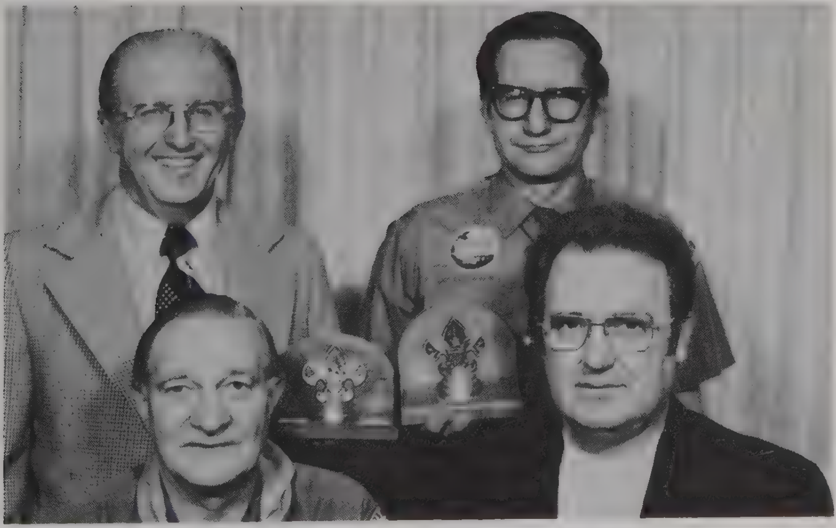
SCOUTS - 1969
FRONT: Floyd Gowans, Charles Pettersson, ____, Robert Gowans, Tony Kip, ____.
BACK : Steven Cordes, Richard Goff, Randy Nelson, Thomas Pettersson, Mike Archuletta, Dallas Giles, David Schmidt.



SILVER BEAVER AWARD
Theodore I. Geurts



SILVER BEAVER AWARD
Ralph R. Francis, Sr.



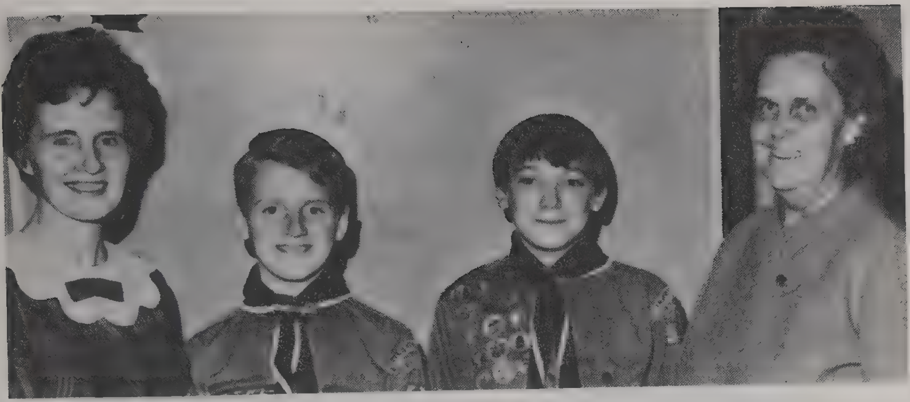
SILVER BEEHIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS
FRONT: Thomas Pettersson, Robert Brown,
BACK : Ralph Francis, Sr., Richard Clifford.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Vaughn Johnson
(Serving Mission when
Pictures Taken)

FRONT: Gordon Clifford, Darryl Syversen,
Ted Lewis, Cliford Savage.
BACK : Gilbert Farnsworth, Robert Gowans,
Richard Clifford, Richard Syversen,
Fred J.B. Smith.

Charles H. Madsen, Fred W.Nelson, Richard Goff,
Jeanne Goff, Ken Shaw, James Pettersson, and
Lois Pettersson



LIFE SCOUT AWARDS
Shannon Gowans, Robert Gowans,
Charles Pettersson, Lois Pettersson

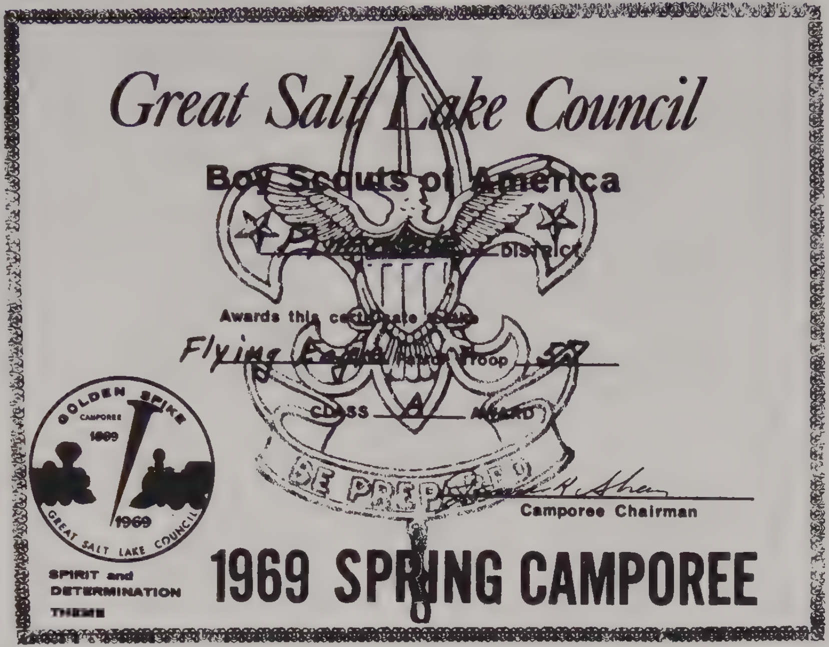
LOIS PETTERSSON receiving District
Award of Merit for Cub Scout Work - 1974

EXPLORERS - 1979

FRONT: Kenneth Nash, Darryl Syversen
BACK: Clifford Savage, Robert Gowans, Richard Clifford, Ted Lewis

VARSITY SCOUTS - 1979

FRONT: Sherman Farnsworth, James Gowans, Gordon Clifford, Douglas Pettersson, Wayne Nash.
BACK ; Ted Lewis, Richard Clifford, Robert Gowans.



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BOY SCOUT AWARD

MUSIC AND CHOIR ACTIVITIES

> "For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the soul of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads." (D&C 25:12)

Music dates back to the pre-existence where there were choirs of angels who sang hymns of praise. At the time of the birth of the Savior, heavenly messengers announced to the shepherds:

> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14)

In the scriptures we read of the choirs above of which we may become a part in our immortal state. When righteous King Benjamin of the Book of Mormon days had assembled his people together to address them from a tower that had been built for that purpose, one of the things he told them was:

> "... at this period of time when I am about to go down to my grave, that I might go down in peace and my immortal spirit may join the choirs above in singing the praises of a just God." (Mosiah 2:28; also, see Mormon 7:7)

Appreciation for good music is a gift and a blessing that we may all become a part of. It is eternal. Our Father in Heaven has given it to us, and if properly used, it will be a means of helping to cleanse our souls and will bring into our lives some of the highest goals we can experience.

Instrumental music is likewise mentioned in the scriptures. The Lord desires that we worship with beautiful hymns whose words and melodies are in harmony with the divine purposes of our Father in Heaven. Can you imagine how incomplete a sacrament meeting would be without any music or at othe times when it is an integral part of the occasion?

Beautiful melodies can soothe our souls and calm the troubled waters of our life; and as we listen carefully and repeat the words of our hymns, we receive a Gospel message in each of them that will help us in our daily lives.

There is also wholesome music that is entertaining when we have our recreation, and this we should enjoy, but as our brethren have cautioned us, be sure the words therein are clean and uplifting, not degrading and sensual. The Lord is desirous that we have our musicals and dancing, but we should always remember to keep them on a high spiritual level.

> "If thou art merry, praise the Lord with singing, with music, with dancing, and with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving." (D&C 136:28)

President Ezra Taft Benson, Council of the Twelve, in his October General Conference address in 1974 said this regarding music:

> "Inspiring music may fill the soul with heavenly thoughts, move one to righteous action, or speak peace to the soul. When Saul was troubled witn an evil spirit, David played for him with his harp and Saul was refreshed and the evil spirit departed. (See I Samuel 16:23)
>
> Elder Boyd K. Packer has wisely suggested memorizing some of the inspiring songs of Zion and then, when the mind is afflicted with temptations, to sing aloud, to keep before your mind the inspiring words, and thus crowd out the evil thoughts. (See ENSIGN, Jan. 1974, P.28). This could also be done to crowd out debilating, depressive thoughts. (ENSIGN Nov. 1974, P.67).
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> In a revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Harmony, Pennsylvania in July, 1830, in Section 25, the Lord directed Emma Smith, the Prophet's wife, 'And it shall be given thee, also, to make a selection of sacred hymns, as it shall be given thee, which is pleasing unto me, to be had in my Church.' (Verse 11)"

This Emma did, and two volumes were published, the first in 1835 which contained 90 selections, and the second in 1841 with 340 selections. The hymns were generally those already in use, but there were a number of talented musicians in the Church at that time who could write hymns, and some of these were contained in the books. A revised hymn book was published by Brigham Young, Parley P. Pratt and John Taylor in Manchester, England in 1840 which was in general use for many years. Our present hymn book was published in 1975.

Some of the hymns are those that have been used universally by LDS congregations because of their great message. Latter-day Saints wrote words to old tunes, and through the years, many beautiful LDS hymns have been written. One of the most well-known hymns is "*O My Father*". Eliza R. Snow was a noted and remarkable LDS woman, and she wrote the words which is great Mormon doctrine, and they have been set to music by several composers.

As the pioneers crossed the plains, there was great hardship that they encountered, and it is told that President Brigham Young called upon William Clayton to write a hymn that would buoy them up in their journey that they could sing in their camp. He responded, and within two hours, he had written"*Come, Come Ye Saints*" and he had fit it to a tune of Old English origin. Many other beautiful LDS hymns were written by other authors.

We have had some outstanding musicians in our ward whose voices are beautiful and who play instruments with great ability, who have directed our choirs, accompanied music in our meetings on the organ or piano, and led our congregations as capable choristers. They have developed the talents that the Lord has given to them and have brought joy into the lives of others because they have been willing to share those talents. They often did not have a formal music education, but were able to participate in various music needs in the ward. Some of them were later able to use their knowledge for outside activities, and although we do not know all who have accomplished this, let us name a few:

Bernita Anderson, former assistant ward organist and choir accompaniest, is a member of the Composers Guild. She recently had several religious songs and several children's religious songs published. Several small recitals featuring her words and music have been held in the Salt Lake Valley.

Cleo Westmoreland, who married Dr. Joseph Stobbe,Jr., was a music major, graduated from the University of Utah, has taught private piano lessons, and taught music at Bruce Middle School, Jefferson County, Louisville, Kentucky. She was active in the Church there in music fields while her husband was going to dental school.

Paul Christensen, former ward chorister, is a high school teacher in music. He was at Layton High School, but we understand he is now in a Salt Lake City high school.

Vaughn Johnson, former priesthood organist and now on a mission to Australia Sydney, won a national PTA contest with an original composition. When he was a senior in high school, he was a Sterling Scholar finalist in music. He received a music scholarship at the University of Utah and has composed and arranged many songs.

In his General Conference talk in October, 1973, Elder Boyd K. Packer commended those who teach good music.

> "How wonderful is the music instructor who will teach children and youth to play and will acquaint them with good music in their formative years, including the music of worship. To have such music as a part of one's life is a great blessing."
> (C.R. Oct. 5,1973 p.23)

Fawn Burt, a piano teacher for many years, gave most of our musicians their start as her student. Other fine instructors have likewise brought an appreciation and love for good music to those whom they have taught. Several organ classes were conducted by Fawn Burt and chorister classes were conducted by Leone Johnson.

Ruth Ann Smith, our ward organist who has served for many years in many musical capacities, used her music in the mission field, and at the completion of her mission stayed a few extra weeks to accompany a missionary chorus who sang throughout the mission area.

When Myrna Hardy was released as ward organist on May 7, 1978, she had served faithfully in the capacity as organist, either on a stake board level, in an auxiliary organization or ward organist for sixteen years. She is still serving as assistant ward organist.

A number of choruses in the valley have had o ward members participate: For example, Schubert Singers, Evan's Chorus, Sweet Adelines, Beehive Statesmen, West High School Seminary Choir and other choruses; and others played in elementary, jr. high and high school bands and orchestras. We are proud to know that Sarkis Emrazian is a member of the Mormon Youth Chorus.

Our priesthood and auxiliaries have been richly blessed with many fine musicians who have directed and accompanied the music. Soloists and groups have sung for many funerals as well as instrumentalists who have played so beautifully, consoling those who mourned at the loss of a love one or friend. Our young people have added so muc to our music by their willingness to share their talents with us. We have had some choice trios, quartets, choruses, instrumental selections, etc. who have added great spirituality to our meetings and have provided us with choice entertainment at our socials.

How often we have enjoyed those who have give us instrumental selections, some of whom are: Laurie Birky, Wilford Wilcox, Elizabeth Nelson, Pete Savage, Vaughn Johnson, Ruth Ann Smith, Cleo Westmoreland, Myrna Hardy, Kirk Barton, Corey Farnsworth, Karen Barendregt, Laney Nelson, Randy Nelson, Marguerite Newren, Cordell Shewell, Glenn

Jenson, Bernita Anderson, Jerry Kip, Ted Lewis, Kevin Lewis, Mary Jane Emrazian, Barbara Goff, Kent Whipple, Fred Pettersson, Than Childs, Joyce Barendregt, Carol Gowans, Susan Barendregt, Tim Wilcox, Fay Nielson, Janice Smith, Ramona Luker, Fawn Burt, Connie Leishman, Lori Potter.

We have been uplifted by the vocalists (either solos, trios, quartets, etc.) who have sung so beautifully, some of whom are: Stan and Donna Ward, Lois Baldwin, Lyle Gordon, Esther Nelson, Shannon Gowans, Joan Haskell, Valois Putnam Burton, Don Rosenfeld, Arthur Larsen, Paul Christensen, Shirlene Farnsworth Magnusen, Stephanye Farnsworth, Shirley Farnsworth, Helen Christiansen, the Arthur Larsen family, the Richard Clifford family, the Irvin K. and Roy D. Luker families, Barbara Goff, Laurie Birky, Lisa Potter, Eileen Gowans, Darci Evertson, Kim Kraus, Kristi Evertson, Lisa Cantu, Georgia May, Sherman Farnsworth, Daryl Syversen, Gary Whipple, Kenneth Nash, Gordon Clifford, Adrian Cantu, Elizabeth Nelson, Ruth Hardy, Eunice Calegory, Diane Scott, Sharilyn Gerber, Scott Birky, Lynn and Beatrice White, Wilford and Maurice Wilcox.

Our ward and choir choristers and organists have been so faithful in their responsibilities and we have recognized their service with their photos in this section.

There are so many musicians from our ward that it is impossible to name each of them individually, and how we wish we could, just as we would like to name all the teachers who have taught us in our classes the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and those who have held other positions, but we want them to know we express our appreciation to them for the joy they have brought and are still bringing into the lives of each of us.

Our lives have been enriched, and we have gained a greater appreciation for good music by the beautiful presentations by our ward choirs. They have been faithful in their callings, and they have worked hard in their preparations.

They have sung in sacrament meetings, ward conferences, stake conferences and Christmas programs and have brought the Spirit of the Lord so close to us on these occasions.

The Tabernacle Choir has had members from our ward. At the present time, we feel honored in having two fine singers in this choir, Arthur Larsen and Don Rosenfeld. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir began its 50th year in broadcasting when it presented its 2,552nd broadcast of "*MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD*" on July 16, 1978. It is now seen in various parts of the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America, the Philippines, and the South Seas.

Directing and coordinating the music of the ward under the supervision of the bishop have been some faithful chairmen of the Music Committee According to the Annual Ward Conference Records, we did find that there were some years that this position was not filled, but the following information we have as to those who served in this capacity since 1963: N. Owen Catmull, Richard L. Whipple (twice), Leone Johnson and Brother Glen S. Burt who has been serving since 1974 in this calling.

In 1975, a Handbook for Church Music was printed which contained policies and procedures for music personnel of all organizations in the Church, music administration, congregational singing, choral music, general guidelines and music materials. Music personnel should carry out the Church music program as outlined by the Church Music Department, as directed by ward and stake leaders and as approved by the appropriate priesthood leaders.

A worship service contains elements that are both expressive and impressive and hymn singing is part of the program-we may worship through music. The wards are instructed to have a ward music adviser (member of the bishopric), and a ward music chairman. The ward auxilliary music personnel includes the music director and organist or pianist in all organizations as well as the ward music director,ward organist,choir director and president and priesthood music director and organist or pianist. Those holding all these positions supervise every facet of the ward music program and promote and encourage high standards of musical performance, balanced use of ward talent and choice of suitable music, etc.

For the past few years, committee members have held meetings when necessary and have accepted assignments each month to procure a fine musical number to be presented in our ward sacrament meeting each week. In former years, this responsibility was usually given over to the ward music director and organist, but now, each organization shares in this responsibility which makes the work lighter for everyone.

As the ward history has been researched, we find that there were some years when there was no choir organization. We do have as many pictures as it was possible to get of the organists, choristers and choir directors as recorded. Each of these individuals contributed faithfully to the music activities of our ward, and in many instances some served for many years. It is not possible to list each one of the many auxiliary musicians, but their services are deeply appreciated.

We must not forget those who attend the meetings and sing with the congregations, thereby enjoying personally through their participation the blessings of music. We can also be good listeners if for some reason we are unable to sing and join in by thinking in our minds the words and singing them with our hearts and souls. In this most wonderful field of endeavor, there is no one excluded for it is a very choice part of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom and one that will go on through the eternities.

It is interesting to note that Christ *"worshipped through music"*, as prior to going to the Garden of Gethsemane, it reads in Mark 14:26:

> "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives."

"Through music, man's ability to express himself extends beyond the limits of the spoken language in both sublety and power. Music can be used to exalt and inspire or to carry messages of degradation and destruction. It is, therefore, important that as Latter-day Saints we at all times apply the principles of the Gospel and seek the guidance of the Spirit in selecting the music with which we surround ourselves."

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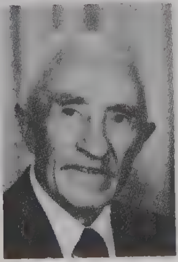
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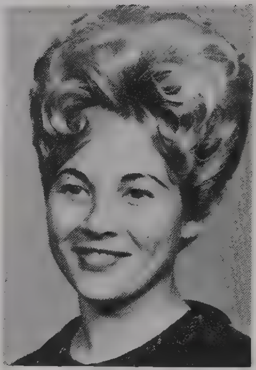

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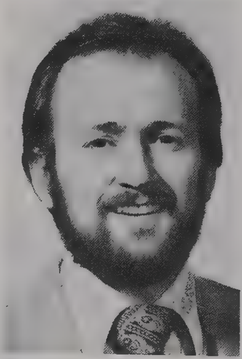

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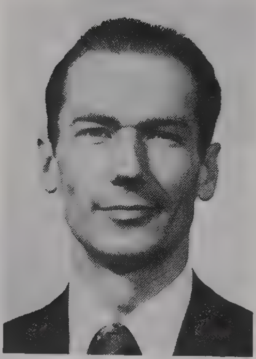

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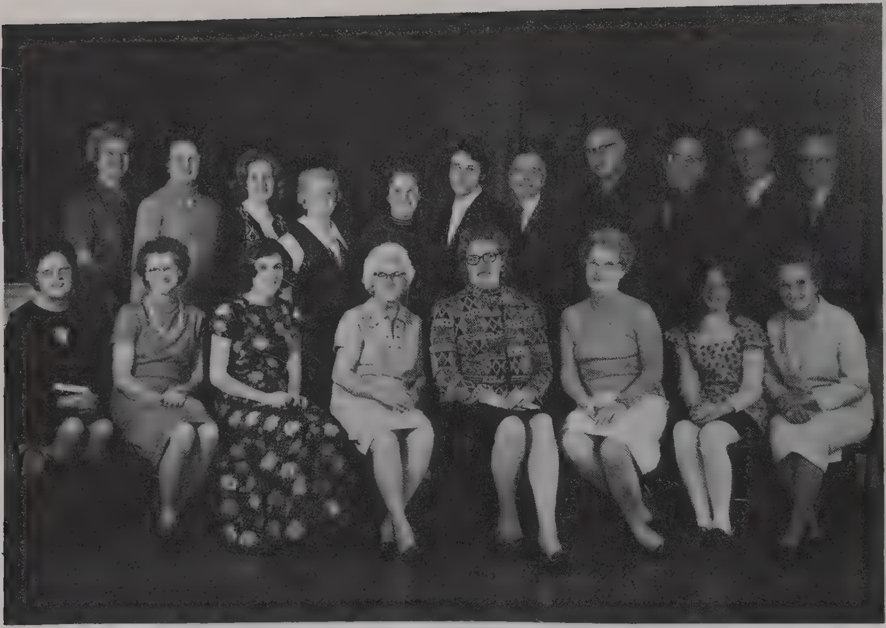

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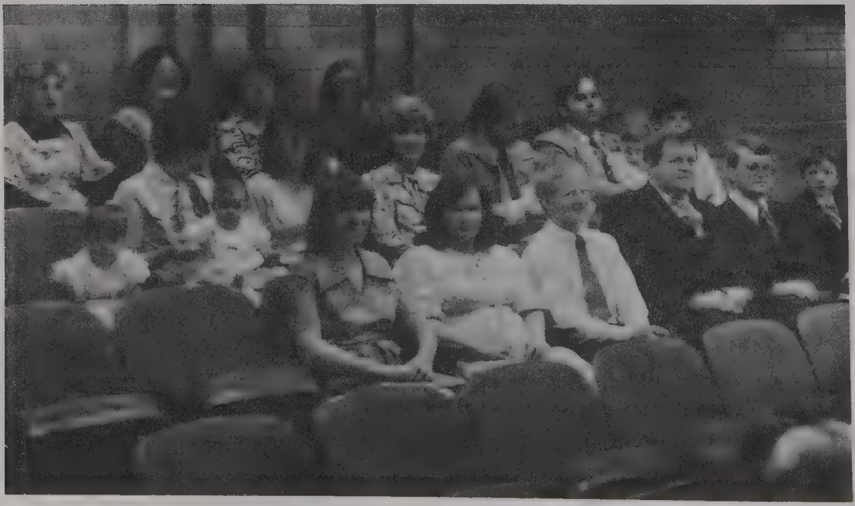

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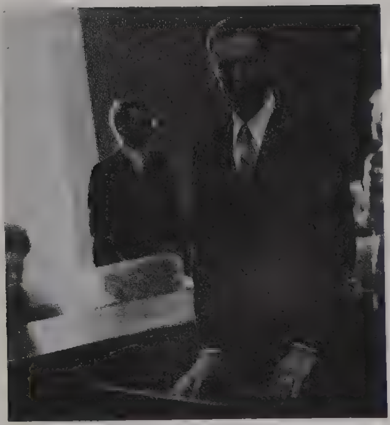

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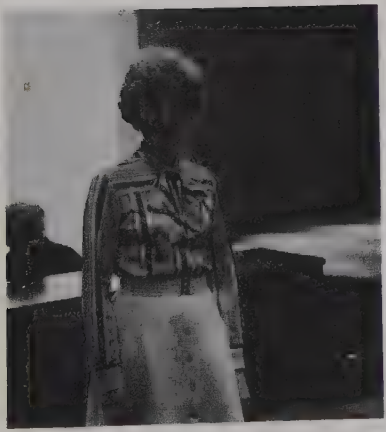

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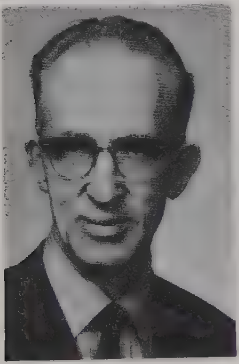

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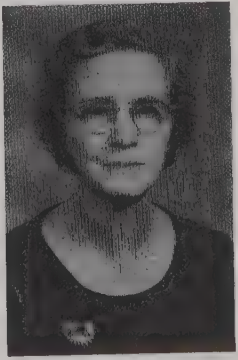

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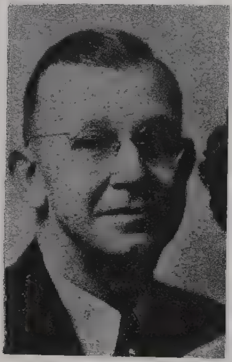
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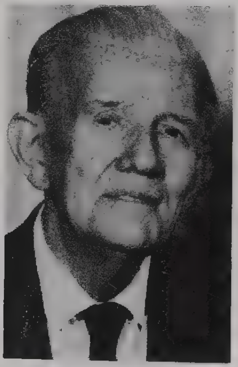
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